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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Fifty-Seventh Annual Communication

OF THE

Sovereign Grand Lodge

OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,

HELD IN THE

CITY OF CINCINNATI, STATE OF OHIO,

September 19th, 1881;

WITH AN

APPENDIX,

CONTAINING A SKETCH OF THE WELCOME OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE BY THE AUTHORITIES OF THE STATE OF OHIO, THE CITY OF CINCINNATI, AND THE GRAND LODGE OF OHIO; THE COURTESIES EXTENDED DURING THE SESSION, ETC.

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ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

Sovereign Grand Lodge,

HELD IN THE

CITY OF CINCINNATI, STATE OF OHIO,

Commencing September 19th, 1881.

MONDAY, September 19, 1881—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication, when, upon the call of the roll, the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS.

LUTHER J. GLENN.....M. W. Grand Sire.
ERIE J. LEECH.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JOSHUA VANSANT..... ....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
THEODORE A. ROSS.....R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
BELDEN SEYMOUR.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
J. T. HORNIBROOK.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
CHARLES H. GATCH.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

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And a representation from thirty-nine Grand Lodges and eighteen Grand Encampments, as follows:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

Francisco Rice, P. G. M.	Alabama.
George W. Hurley, P. G. P. and P. G. Rep.	Arkansas.
William W. Morrow, P. G.	California.
George G. Arndt, P. G. M.	Colorado.
George N. Moses, P. G. M.	Connecticut.
L. D. F. Poore, P. G. M.	Dakota.
E. H. Spencer, P. C. P.	Delaware.
Charles C. Pearce, P. G. Rep.	Florida.
John B. Goodwin, P. G. M.	Georgia.
Alfred Orendorff, P. G. M.	Illinois.
B. Newman, P. G. M.	Iowa.
J. G. Northcraft, P. G. M.	Kansas.
William W. Morris, P. G. M.	Kentucky.
Lewis Graham, P. G. M.	Louisiana.
Andre Cushing, P. G.	Lower Prov., B. N. A.
John Read, P. G. M.	Maine.
John M. Jones, P. G. Rep.	Maryland.
William W. Gardner, P. G. M.	Massachusetts.
James M. Servoss, P. G. M.	Michigan.
Walter G. Dye, P. G. Rep.	Minnesota.
Joseph Hirsh, P. G. M.	Mississippi.
Daniel H. Wheeler, P. G. M.	Nebraska.
M. W. Starling, P. G.	Nevada.
L. F. McKinney, P. G. M.	New Hampshire.
Christian Miller, P. G. M.	New Jersey.
George W. Dilks, P. G. M.	New York.
Richard J. Jones, P. G. M.	North Carolina.
Henry C. Hedges, P. G. M.	Ohio.
James Woodyatt, P. G. M.	Ontario.
T. Orin Barker, P. G.	Oregon.
Samuel F. Gwinner, P. G. M.	Pennsylvania.
Libbeus C. Tourtellot, P. D. G. M.	Rhode Island.
E. G. Budd, P. G. M.	Tennessee.
I. C. Stafford, P. G. M.	Texas.
John N. Gale, P. G. M.	Vermont.
Alfred R. Courtney, P. G. M.	Virginia.
Thomas W Fleming, P. G. M.	West Virginia.
Thomas H. Brown, P. G. M.	Wisconsin.
Henry Altman, P. G. Sec'y.	Wyoming.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

Charles B. Foster, P. G. P.	Connecticut.
W. H. Crocker, P. G. P.	Illinois.
John F. Wallick, P. G. P.	Indiana.
H. D. Walker, P. G. M.	Iowa.
Henry L. Newell, P. G.	Kentucky.
Enos C. Chamberlin, P. G. P.	Maine.
John E. McCahan, P. G. M.	Maryland.
John J. Whipple, P. G. P.	Massachusetts.
Charles H. Palmer, P. G. P.	Michigan.
John W. Saul, P. G. P.	New Hampshire.
Aaron B. Crane, P. G. Rep.	New Jersey.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS—continued.

JOHN H. WHITE, P. G. M.....New York.
CHARLES M. BUSBEE, P. G. P.....North Carolina.
WILLIAM R. HAZLETT, P. G. P.....Ohio.
JOHN HAM PERRY, P. G. P.....Ontario.
ALFRED SLACK, P. G. M.....Pennsylvania.
WILLIAM S. JOHNSON, P. G. P.....Rhode Island.
THEODORE B. ELLIOTT, P. G. P.....Wisconsin.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
ISAAC M. VEITCH.....Missouri.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.
E. D. FARNSWORTH.....California.
JOHN W. STOKES.....Pennsylvania.

The R. W. Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, of Kentucky, addressed the Throne of Grace, as follows:

Almighty and Eternal God, by whose mercy we are again permitted to meet in annual council, for the interests of our beloved Order, we bless Thee for the continual manifestations of Thy goodness to us and to all men. Teach us to show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days. Guide and direct the officers and members of this Body in our legislative work, that we may labor together in the spirit of unity, peace and concord. Be gracious, O Lord, to our country. Give to all who are in authority wisdom and courage to use it to the honor of Thy name and the welfare of the nation. Bless the President of the United States, now lying upon the bed of sickness; prosper the means made use of to promote his cure, and, in Thy good time, restore him to health and strength again. Bless the members of this great Brotherhood everywhere. Fill our hearts with a spirit of tenderness and compassion for all around us. May we rejoice with those that do rejoice, and weep with those that weep. May we be ever ready to relieve the poor and needy, the afflicted and distressed, the widow and the fatherless; and thus fulfill the law of pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father. Accept these, our humble petitions, and unto Thee be the praise and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by order, examined the Representatives, and declared them duly qualified, whereupon, by further order, he proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for business.

On motion of Rep. DYE, of Minnesota, the reading of the minutes of the last session was dispensed with, and the Journal was approved as printed.

The Chair announced the following Committees:

Committee on Credentials—Reps. GARDNER, of Massachusetts; SERVOSS, of Michigan; CUSHING, of Lower Provinces; READ, of Maine; JONES, of North Carolina.

Committee on Allotment of Seats—Reps. LEHMAN, of Mississippi; ARNDT, of Colorado; STARLING, of Nevada.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of the Representatives received from the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. LEHMAN, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Allotment of Seats, made the following report, which was adopted, and the members were seated accordingly:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The committee to whom was referred the allotment of seats, respectfully report the following as the result of the drawing:

Alabama.....71, 72, 73	Missouri.....142, 143, 144, 145
Arkansas.....100, 101, 102	Montana.....54
British Columbia.....149	Nebraska.....21, 22, 23
California.....63, 64, 65, 66	Nevada.....5, 6, 7
Chile.....146	New Hampshire.....35, 36, 37, 38
Colorado.....8, 9, 10	New Jersey.....1, 2, 3, 4
Connecticut.....110, 111, 112, 113	New York.....138, 139, 140, 141
Dakota.....74, 75	North Carolina.....60, 61, 62
Delaware.....103, 104, 105	Ohio.....47, 48, 49, 50
District of Columbia.....91, 92, 93	Ontario.....124, 125, 126, 127
Florida.....59	Oregon.....25, 26, 27
Georgia.....83, 84, 85	Pennsylvania.....42, 43, 44, 45
Illinois.....116, 117, 118, 119	Quebec.....24
Indiana.....130, 131, 132, 133	Rhode Island.....67, 68, 69, 70
Iowa.....134, 135, 136, 137	South Carolina.....128, 129
Kansas.....94, 95, 96	Switzerland.....147
Kentucky.....120, 121, 122, 123	Tennessee.....80, 81, 82
Louisiana.....39, 40, 41	Texas.....55, 56, 57, 58
Lower Provinces.....114, 115	Utah.....148
Maine.....14, 15, 16, 17	Vermont.....51, 52, 53
Maryland.....87, 88, 89, 90	Virginia.....18, 19, 20
Massachusetts.....31, 32, 33, 34	Washington.....46
Michigan.....106, 107, 108, 109	West Virginia.....28, 29, 30
Minnesota.....11, 12, 13	Wisconsin.....76, 77, 78, 79
Mississippi.....97, 98, 99	Wyoming.....86

Respectfully submitted.

CHAS. LEHMAN, M. W. STARLING, GEORGE G. ARNDT.

Rep. GARDNER, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report the following Representatives as duly accredited and entitled to seats in this Sovereign Grand Lodge, as shown by their certificates on file:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

JOSEPH H. SLOSS, P. G. Rep.....Alabama.
S. W. MALLORY, P. G. M.....Arkansas.
GROVE L. JOHNSON, P. G.....California.
ALONZO FURNALD, P. G. M.....Colorado.
E. J. HILL, P. G. M.....Connecticut.
JOHN T. JAKES, P. G. Rep.....Delaware.
C. B. R. COLLEDGE, P. G. M., (for one year, *vice* JOHN F. HAVENNER, deceased).....District of Columbia.
J. THOMAS PETTY, P. G. M.....District of Columbia.
THOMAS A. ASKEW, P. G. M.....Georgia.
JOHN LAKE, P. G. M.....Illinois.
ENOCH COX, P. G. M., (for one year, to fill vacancy) Indiana.
JOHN W. MCQUIDDY, P. G. M., (for one year, to fill vacancy).....Indiana.
THOMAS HARDIE, P. G. Rep.....Iowa.
JOHN M. PRICE, P. G. Rep.....Kansas.
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, P. G. M.....Kentucky.
ADOLPH G. RICKS, P. G.....Louisiana.
JOHN PRINGLE, P. G. W.....Lower Prov. B. N. A.
HENRY P. COX, P. G. M.....Maine.
CHARLES H. RAWLINGS, P. G. Rep.....Maryland.
JAMES T. JOSLIN, P. G. M.....Massachusetts.
E. G. D. HOLDEN, P. G. M.....Michigan.
D. A. MORRISON, P. G. M.....Minnesota.
JOHN H. MCKENZIE, P. G. M.....Mississippi.
JAMES A. PRICE, P. G. M.....Missouri.
HENRY CADLE, P. G., (for one year, *vice* JAMES A. GREGORY, resigned).....Missouri.
JACOB LOEB, P. G. Sec'y (for one year, to fill vacancy) Montana.
CHARLES A. SPEICE, P. G. M.....Nebraska.
WILLIAM H. HILL, P. G. P., (for one year, *vice* C. C BATTERMAN, deceased).....Nevada.
JOHN H. ALBIN, P. G. M.....New Hampshire.
WILLIAM H. ISZARD, P. G. M.....New Jersey.
JOHN W. STEBBINS, P. G. M.....New York.
N. M. JURNEY, P. G. M.....North Carolina.
W. S. CAPPELLER, P. G. M.....Ohio.
CL. T. CAMPBELL, P. G. M.....Ontario.
JOHN KENWORTHY, P. G. M.....Oregon.
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, P. G. M.....Pennsylvania.
WILLIAM BOUTELLE, P. G. M.....Quebec.
GILBERT F. ROBBINS, P. G. M.....Rhode Island.
G. W. CURTIS, P. G. M.....South Carolina.
RUDOLPH WEBER, P. G. M.....Switzerland.
GEORGE B. BOYLES, P. G. M.....Tennessee.
M. D. HERRING, P. G. M.....Texas.
GEORGE H. BIGELOW, P. G. Rep.....Vermont.
JAMES B. BLANKS, P. G. M.....Virginia.
THOMAS N. FORD, P. G. Secretary.....Washington.
J. T. HOKE, P. G. M.....West Virginia.
JOHN G. CLARK, P. G. M.....Wisconsin.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

W. A. SHIELDS, P. G. Rep.....Alabama.
CHARLES H. RANDALL, P. G. M.....California.
CHARLES P. DUNBAUGH, P. G. Rep., (for one year, to fill vacancy).....Colorado.
JOEL L. HUNGERFORD, P. G. P.....Connecticut.
RALPH R. BRIGGS, P. G. Secretary.....Dakota.
RICHARD H. EWBANKS, P. C. P.....Delaware.
JOHN T. GIVEN, P. G. P.....District of Columbia.
C. A. ROBBE, P. G. Rep.....Georgia.
WALTER E. CARLIN, P. G. P.....Illinois.
S. B. HALLEY, P. G. P.....Indiana.
HERMAN BLOCK, P. G. M.....Iowa.
S. H. KELSEY, P. G. P.....Kansas.
TAL. P. SHAFFNER, P. G. P.....Kentucky.
JOSEPH VOEGTLE, P. G. Rep.....Louisiana.
JOSHUA DAVIS, P. G. Rep.....Maine.
HENRY F. GAREY, P. G. M.....Maryland.
WILLIAM D. HAY, P. G. P.....Massachusetts.
ALBERT M. HARRIS, P. G. P.....Michigan.
WILLIAM CHENEY, P. G. Rep.....Minnesota.
CHARLES LEHMAN, P. G. P.....Mississippi.
IRA STANBERY, P. G. P., (for one year, to fill vacancy) Missouri.
J. C. HERMS, P. G. P.....Missouri.
J. C. FORD, P. G. P.....Nebraska.
D. O. ADKISON, P. G. P., (for one year, to fill vacancy) Nevada.
GEORGE D. LAMOS, P. G. P.....New Hampshire.
WILLIAM N. NUTT, P. G. Rep.....New Jersey.
WILLIAM LACY, P. G. M.....New York.
JOSEPH DOWDALL, P. G. M.....Ohio.
JOHN DONOGH, P. G. P.....Ontario.
JOHN T. APPERSON, P. G. M.....Oregon.
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, P. G. P.....Pennsylvania.
LINDSAY ANDERSON, P. G. Rep.....Rhode Island.
JOHN HEESEMAN, P. G. P.....South Carolina.
JOSEPH L. WEAKLEY, P. G. M., (to fill vacancy).....Tennessee.
FRED. CARLETON, P. G. Rep., (for one year, to fill vacancy).....Texas.
JAMES A. HAYNIE, P. G. Rep.....Texas.
NELSON C. HYDE, P. G. P.....Vermont.
E. B. BRANCH, P. G. M.....Virginia.
JOHN C. VANCE, P. G. P., (for one year, *vice* JOHN M. HOUSTON, resigned).....West Virginia.
JAMES W. OSTRANDER, P. G. M.....Wisconsin.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. GARDNER, JAS. M. SERVOSS, JOHN READ,
A. CUSHING, RICHARD J. JONES.

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, moved the following, which was seconded by Rep. PEARCE, of Florida:

Resolved, That the officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, speaking for themselves and the half million members of the Order, desire to place upon record, as the first act of their annual session, this expression of their loving sympathy for President James A. Garfield, the suffering victim of a cowardly crime; and, further, to express their admiration for the sublime faith and courage of the patient invalid in his brave fight for life, and their prayerful hope that the

dark shadow of death which now hangs over him may yet be dissipated, and his valuable life spared to his family, the American people, and the world.

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, moved the following amendment, which was accepted by Rep. BUSBEE:

That a copy of the above resolution, certified by our Grand Secretary, and under the seal of this Grand Body, be forwarded to the family of President James A. Garfield, and the Secretary of State, Hon. James G. Blaine.

The resolution was then unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Rep. DYE, of Minnesota, moved the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire transmit by telegraph a copy of the resolution just adopted, and a synopsis of the proceedings in reference to the same, to the Honorable Secretary of State, James G. Blaine.

The Grand Sire submitted the following; and the invitations were accepted with the thanks of the Grand Lodge:

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 19, 1881.

To LUTHER J. GLENN,
M. W. Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:

The Young Mens' Mercantile Library Association cordially invite the officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the ladies accompanying them, to visit the library of the Association, in the College Building, Walnut street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, at any time that will suit their convenience during their visit to Cincinnati.

Very respectfully, JOHN M. NEWTON, *Librarian.*

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 19, 1881.

LUTHER J. GLENN, *Grand Sire:*

The officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge are cordially invited to visit the rooms of the Cuvier Club, No. 200 W. Fourth street, at all times while they remain in this city. The ladies accompanying them will be welcome each day until 12 o'clock, M.

Respectfully, J. F. BLACKBURN, *Secretary.*

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 19, 1881.

To the Officers and Members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:

You are cordially invited to visit and make use of the Cincinnati Gymnasium while in our city.

Yours, E. W. MURPHY, *Superintendent.*

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 19, 1881.

To the Grand Sire, Officers and Members
of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:

You are fraternally invited by the General Committee on the Entertainment of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., to attend the banquet to be given in your honor, at the Burnet House, Thursday, September 22, 1881, at 8:30 P. M., and the committee ask your acceptance of the same.

Fraternally, JNO. P. MURPHY, *Cor. Sec'y.*

NINTH CINCINNATI INDUSTRIAL EXPOSITION, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 19, 1881.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

I have the pleasure of informing you that the Board of Commissioners of the Ninth Cincinnati Industrial Exposition have, by special action, des-

ignated that Wednesday, September 21st, be known as "*Odd Fellows' Day*," when the members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the ladies accompanying them, will be cordially welcomed to the Exposition.

Very respectfully, J. R. MURDOCK, *Secretary.*

CINCINNATI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE,
CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 19, 1881.

HON. S. S. DAVIS, Chairman Local Committee:

DEAR SIR,—I beg to tender, through you, the privileges of the Chamber of Commerce to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, during their session in our city.

Very respectfully, H. G. URNER, *President.*

The M. W. Grand Sire submitted his annual report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND SIRE.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

REPRESENTATIVES:—You meet this morning, in the fifty-seventh Annual Communication of this Grand Body, to look after the interests and legislate for the good of Odd Fellowship. It will be a source of gratification to know that the annual returns exhibit the Order in a healthy and progressive condition, as shown by the following abstract:

	Grand Lodges.	Subordinate Lodges.	Grand Encampments.	Subordinate Encampments.	Lodge Initiations.	Lodge Members.	Encampment Members.	Total Relief.	Total Revenue.
Dec. 31, '79.	50	7,067	39	1,842	34,834	440,783	79,511	$1,714.805 02	$4,391,215 35
Dec. 31, '80.	50	7,172	40	1,857	42,544	456,942	79,498	1,695,979 22	4,618,846 77
Increase...		105	1	15	7,719	16,159			227,631 42
Decrease...							13	18,825 80	

At the date this report went to press, August 26th, the Grand Secretary advised me that the reports of two Grand Encampments had not been received. If the returns from those jurisdictions had been forwarded in time, some of the items in the above table, for the year 1880, would have been increased. On this subject, I may say that I am informed that the reports of several Grand Bodies, some of them the most important jurisdictions, were not received until a late day in August. The law requires returns to be in the hands of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary by the 1st day of April (By-Laws, Article X), and there seems to be no reason, if the "instructions" printed on the blank forms are adhered to, why the reports cannot be placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary in less than seven or eight months after the close of the year.

DECISIONS.

1. A non-affiliated Odd Fellow, who has retained membership in a Lodge of one jurisdiction for ten consecutive years, and has been suspended for non-payment of dues, cannot be admitted as a non-beneficial member in a Lodge of another jurisdiction, on terms prescribed by the latter jurisdiction for the admission of non-beneficial members, without action in the Lodge in which he has been suspended being first had.

2. The Odes constitute an integral part of the opening and closing ceremonies of a Subordinate Lodge.

3. A person permanently so blind as not to be able to distinguish persons and things, although in good financial circumstances, cannot be initiated

into the Order. "He could not rigidly comply with the obligations which Odd Fellows take upon connecting themselves with the Order."

4. The law regulating weekly benefits applies to both Subordinate Lodges and Encampments. Some benefits, however small, must be paid.

5. The Sovereign Grand Lodge directs a State Grand Lodge to instruct one of its Subordinate Lodges to renew the trial of a member who had been expelled.—Journal of 1880, p. 8381. It does not fall within the province of the Grand Sire to decide whether or not it is the duty of the Grand Master of that jurisdiction, in vacation, to instruct the Subordinate Lodge to carry out the directions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.—*Article* IV, *Section* 1, *Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.*

6. Has any member of the Sovereign Grand Lodge the right to instruct, rehearse or exemplify the so-called 'New Work,' before the work is placed in the hands of the officers of the Subordinate Lodges or Encampments?

Answer—The legal modes of transmitting information respecting the work are—first for the Grand Representatives to communicate it to the Grand Bodies they represent, or to the Grand Officers. It then becomes the duty of the Grand Masters or Grand Patriarchs to disseminate the information in their respective jurisdictions.

7. The same answer, in substance, was given to a series of questions propounded from the same jurisdiction, as to the right of a Grand Representative of one jurisdiction to rehearse and exemplify the revised work in the Encampments of another jurisdiction, without the consent of the Grand Patriarch of the latter jurisdiction.

8. In answer to the Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs of several jurisdictions, I decided that, under the resolution adopted at the last session, the old work could not be continued after the first day of January, 1881, as the same would be illegal.

9. The decision, number fifteen, submitted by the Grand Sire at our last Communication, (Journal 1880, page 8211,) in reference to the eligibility of a Vice Grand to be elected Noble Grand in the jurisdiction of Wisconsin, has a local application only.

10. On resolutions relative to the death of a Brother in a Subordinate Lodge, a rising vote may be taken without giving the voting sign.

11. A District Deputy Grand Sire cannot introduce visitors into a Lodge or Encampment.

I would suggest to the Sovereign Grand Lodge that the privilege of introducing brothers into Lodges and Encampments in their respective jurisdictions, might with propriety be conferred upon District Deputy Grand Sires.

12. At the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge a resolution was offered by Rep. GOODWIN, of Georgia, authorizing the Grand Secretaries of Subordinate Grand Lodges to supply each Lodge of their respective jurisdictions, desiring them, "with as many as four copies of Charge Books of Ritual of each, the Initiatory and several Degrees." The resolution was not adopted.

During the year I have had inquiries made from several jurisdictions as to the number of books to which each Subordinate Lodge was entitled, and urging that, in view of the revised work going into operation, that the number should be increased.

After a thorough investigation of the subject, I was unable to find any law prescribing the number of books to which each Subordinate is entitled. Custom alone seemed to regulate the number, and that custom was not uniform in the several jurisdictions. I therefore, in view of the circumstances, and in the absence of law on the subject, decided that as many as three copies of the books might be furnished to the Subordinate Lodges desiring them.

13. The Grand Master of Switzerland submitted the following questions:

First—Is it legal for a Lodge to require monthly or quarterly contributions to create a fund to pay a stipulated amount to the widow or heirs of a deceased Brother?

Second—Is it legal for a Lodge, on the death of a Brother, to assess the membership a stipulated amount (say fifty cents per member), for the purpose of paying the widow or children of the deceased a certain amount, (say fifty cents for each remaining member)?

Third—Is it legal for a Lodge to charge such amount at the close of the quarter as dues—that is, are such assessments to be considered as funeral dues, as mentioned in Journal 1877, pages 7461, 7505?

To each of the questions I returned an affirmative answer.

14. A By-Law of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, reads as follows:

"Every member of this Lodge who is not disqualified by Article XI of these By-Laws shall, in case of being rendered incapable, by sickness or accident, of providing for his own support, be entitled to and shall receive, out of the funds of the Lodge—if a Scarlet member, seven dollars; if a Royal Blue, five dollars; if an Initiate, four dollars per week during his sickness or disability."

Question—Is a member of that Lodge who has been, or may be placed *in quarantine by the Government authorities*, on account of sickness of a contagious character in his family, (he not being sick himself,) legally entitled to benefits?

Answer—He is not.

15. *First*—Can a member in possession of the Third Degree (old work) be debarred from wearing the regalia assigned to that degree when in attendance upon the Lodge meetings?

Answer—He ranks as a member of the First Degree of the revised work, and is entitled to wear the regalia of that degree.—(Journal, 8412.)

Second—If a Brother at the opening of the Lodge in the degree of "Brotherly Love" is, upon examination by the Warden, pronounced "correct," can he be permitted to remain while such degree is being conferred?

Answer—Yes.

16. The Grand Lodge of British Columbia, (Journal, page 200), adopted the following: "That the Grand Master be requested to communicate with the M. W. Grand Sire in regard to the powers of this Grand Lodge—whether, when the majority of Lodges in the jurisdiction vote for the Endowment scheme, they can make it compulsory upon the whole of the Lodges in said jurisdiction; or can they pass a resolution empowering any number of said Lodges to utilize said Endowment scheme for their individual or collective benefit?"

Answer—The Grand Lodge of British Columbia has not the power to enforce the said scheme upon the whole or any number of Lodges in the jurisdiction.

17. What position, under the Revised Work, does a brother occupy who holds an unexpired withdrawal card issued before January 1st, 1881, as to visiting Lodges, etc.?

Answer—He is entitled to the same rights and privileges as any other brother of the same rank until his card expires.

18. A brother has been suspended for non-payment of dues over one year. He pays in full his indebtedness to his Lodge. In the absence of local law on the subject, must he submit to a ballot to be reinstated?

Answer—Yes.

19. The Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, on the subject of the election of officers, reads as follows:

"SEC. 3. Nominations for the elective officers shall be made only on the two meeting nights immediately preceding that of the election, except when the nominees for an office all decline, or when the Lodge fails to elect.

"SEC. 4. Each elected officer must be voted for separately, by ballot, and each must receive a majority of all the votes given to be elected."

But one candidate was nominated for the office of Vice Grand. A ballot was taken, and the result showed one vote for the nominee (the others were all blanks). Was he elected?

Answer—He was not. (Digest, Section 1914.)

20. The Constitution for Subordinate Lodges in California contains the following:

"ART. IV, SEC. 2.—Every member, qualified as required by the By-Laws, shall, in case of being disabled by sickness or bodily accident from following his usual occupation, or otherwise from earning a livelihood, be entitled to and may receive such weekly benefits as may be fixed by law, from the funds of the Lodge, which in no case shall be less than one dollar per week for members of the Initiate, two dollars per week for members of the first Degree, three dollars per week for members of the second Degree, and four dollars per week for members of the third Degree. All such benefits shall commence within six months from the date of admission to membership. *Benefits are rights personal to the member, his family and dependent relatives, and are not payable to the legal representatives of a member's estate. When a member of unsound mind is entitled to benefits, and has no family nor dependent relatives, is cared for and supported at public expense, his Lodge may from time to time appropriate and apply, on account of his benefits, such sums as may ameliorate or better his condition, to be a credit on any final accounting for benefits.*"

Is the last clause of said section legal, and does it conform to the usages of the Order?

Answer.—The only legislation on the subject is to be found in the report of the Legislative Committee in 1853, Journal, pages 2137, 2177. In that report, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge, it is declared to be "the bounden duty of Lodges to extend the same benefits to this class of men (lunatics) as are given to those who suffer from bodily infirmity." The constitutional provision quoted above, being contrary to the letter and spirit of this report, is therefore illegal.

REVISION OF THE DIGEST OF THE LAWS.

In pursuance of the resolution adopted at the last Communication, to be found on page 8336 of the Journal, providing for a revision of the Digest of the Laws, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire and myself appointed Rep. JOHN H. WHITE, of New York, to undertake and prosecute the work. The appointment was accepted by Bro. WHITE, who has, during the year, been actively engaged on the revision.

The whole of the matter to be digested has been gone over, but is yet to be re-revised and verified. The system of the old Digest is in the main retained. Many of the sections, however, are consolidated, and much surplus matter omitted. The repetition of sections, as in the old Digest, is avoided as far as possible, so that more reliance will have to be placed upon the index. Quite a number of the headings are omitted, and, under those retained, reference is made to another and more general head, and this it is that saves much of the repetition. By reason of these changes the amount of matter in the Digest will probably not be increased, but rather, if either, be diminished. It will be seen that the work cannot be issued immediately. This, however, is not to be regretted, for the reason that Bro. WHITE will be enabled to insert the legislation of the present session.

The proposed changes, including an entire revision and re-numbering of the Rules of Order, now pending before this Grand Lodge, are numerous, and the delay will render the Digest more complete.

Bro. WHITE proposes that the work be issued early in the coming year, including the legislation of this Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

I suggest that, subject to the approval and control of the Committee on Printing Supplies, Bro. WHITE have entire control of the printing of the first edition, as the proof reading must of necessity be left entirely to him.

NUMBERS OF EXTINCT SUBORDINATES.

My predecessor, at the last session, (Journal, page 8212,) called attention to this subject, but no legislation was had in the direction indicated. I respectfully suggest that the Legislative Committee be authorized to examine the matter, and, if deemed expedient, submit suitable legislation to authorize the

Grand Sire, in issuing Warrants, to grant petitioners the names and numbers of extinct Subordinates, if desired.

ARIZONA LODGE, NO. 1.

An appeal was taken by Bro. G. H. WICKER, a member of Arizona Lodge, No. 1, from a ruling made by D. D. Grand Sire CHURCHILL as to the eligibility of Bro. W. H. SMITH for the office of Vice Grand of said Arizona Lodge.

From the imperfection of the record in the case, as shown by a communication from D. D. Grand Sire CHURCHILL, and the fact that he proposed to the appellant that a full and complete statement of the facts should be made, and agreed to between them and sent up, which proposition was refused, I declined to make a decision in the case, and herewith submit the papers to the Grand Lodge.

NEW YORK LODGE, NO. 10, NEW YORK, AND PARADISE LODGE. NO. 2, NEW MEXICO.

On the 22d day of January last, Paradise Lodge, No. 2, of New Mexico, complained, through D. D. Grand Sire JOHN RITTER, of the action of New York Lodge, No. 10, in reference to the admission into that Lodge of JACOB ISAAC GOLD and MOSES AARON GOLD.

It was alleged that the GOLD brothers, at the time of their initiation into New York Lodge, No. 10, were, and had been for years, residents of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The complaint was brought to the attention of the Grand Master of New York, who directed New York Lodge, No. 10, to investigate the charges preferred by Paradise Lodge, No. 2.

Up to this time, however, no final result has been reached in the case, although a communication from the Grand Master of New York, dated August 17th, 1881, states that the preliminary steps for bringing the GOLD brothers to trial have been taken. All the papers in the case are herewith submitted to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

The present Rules of Order provide that this Committee shall consist of *five* members, while the proposed Rule 8, page 8359, Journal, limits it to *three* members. I am advised that, in consequence of the immense labor devolved upon this committee, the work must be divided among the several members, and that there ought to be at least *seven* on the committee to make the calculations and prepare the necessary tables. The committee consisted of *five* when this Grand Lodge had less than half the number of Representatives accredited to this session, and when there was consequently far less labor than at present.

TAXATION OF SUBORDINATES.

This subject has been brought to the attention of the Grand Sire by means of a petition from Phœnix Lodge, No. 2, Arizona, as well as sundry letters, complaining of the charge of ten per cent. on the gross receipts of Subordinates, and requesting that, instead of the present requirement, a small per capita tax be imposed.

The Subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge are not represented in this Body, and have not the privileges accorded to Subordinates under State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments; yet the annual dues of Subordinates working under this Grand Lodge, in some cases amount to more than the Representative tax from some Grand Bodies. By referring to Journal of 1880, page 8257, it will be seen that the four Lodges in the Indian Territory paid dues for 1879 amounting to $83.23; the two in the Netherlands $92.05; the two in Sandwich Islands $217.30.

The petition referred to will be submitted by the Grand C. and R. Secretary, and I commend the subject to your careful consideration.

SUPREME TEMPLE.

A short time since a circular, under the caption "Supreme Temple—Patriarchal Circle, Milwaukie, Wisconsin," and signed by LAWRENCE DEMMER, Secretary, &c., was forwarded to me from a western jurisdiction. This circular, as you will perceive by the copy herewith submitted, seeks to enlist members of the Order in the establishment and propagation of "new degrees for Uniformed Patriarchs." Believing that the Brothers engaged in this "new work," however laudable the motives that prompted them, were treading upon debatable if not forbidden ground, I deem it my duty to bring the matter to the attention of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in order that you may, if in your judgment it be necessary, take proper action on the subject.

THE REVISED WORK.

The Revision Committee was continued at the last session for the purpose of supervising the printing of the revised work, with power to make such corrections as were necessary to perfect the same, and also authorized to have the work translated into German and French, and printed in those languages. To this new duty the committee addressed itself with great assiduity, and completed the required details with all practicable haste. When the text adopted was finally revised by the committee, its work had but fairly begun. The legislation of last session required that the "Revised Work" should go into operation on the first day of January, 1881. Before this could be done, the work had to be translated and printed. It was difficult to find a printer competent and possessed of all "the necessary qualifications" to execute the work. When found, he reluctantly undertook the work, as it had to be done during the season of his greatest press of business. Then the proofs had to be submitted to many persons; the alterations and corrections were numerous, and the progress was of necessity slow. The delays occasioned by these unanticipated circumstances caused great anxiety and restlessness in the Order, as the *supplies* could not be furnished by the first of January, 1881, the time limited for the expiration of the old and the beginning of the revised work.

All things considered, I do not think the committee should be censured for the disappointment occasioned by the non-reception of the new Rituals by the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments prior to the first day of January, 1881; on the contrary, they ought to be commended for their faithful services.

And now, what has been the result of the adoption of the Revised work? The answer may be found in the manner in which it has been received by the fraternity. It has been criticised and subjected to the severest ordeal, but has generally received the approbation of the brotherhood. A new interest in Lodge and Encampment work has been created, a larger attendance of members secured, ante-rooms heretofore vacant have been crowded with candidates, and scores have taken the new Degrees who, in all probability, would never have advanced beyond the Initiatory. In the adoption of the new work by the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Toronto, the Order, in my judgment, has been greatly benefitted, and the work as finally completed will constitute a monument to the learning, zeal and ability of the distinguished Brothers who composed the Revision Committee.

FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

AUSTRALASIA.—The information from this Grand Jurisdiction represents the Order in a flourishing condition in Australia and New Zealand. New Lodges are being established in Victoria, Tasmania, New South Wales, South Australia and New Zealand, and the indications are that a Grand Lodge will soon be instituted in Queensland, making the sixth Grand Body under the Grand Lodge of Australasia. With a membership rapidly approaching ten thousand, the Order in this distant part of our jurisdiction must exert a powerful influence for good in the community in which it exists.

BARBADOS.—Little progress has been made in the West Indies during the year. Americus Lodge, No. 1, is in existence; but from the letters received from D. D. Grand Sire BAYNE, and others, it is evident that we cannot hope for great accessions to the Order, though it was intimated that applications might be expected for Lodges in Trinidad and other islands. It cannot be expected that our institution shall be moulded to suit the peculiar views of any locality. Those who connect themselves with Odd Fellowship do so with a full knowledge of its requirements, and after a Charter has been granted it is unreasonable to say: "without a modification of the Constitutional requirements for membership our Lodge cannot succeed."

CHILE.—While, by reason of the continued hostilities between the Republics of Chile and Peru, our Order in this country has suffered severely, it is gratifying to know that the brotherhood maintain their Lodges, and speak encouragingly of their prospects for the future. Now that the war has closed, we may look for a great advance in Odd Fellowship in this important jurisdiction.

DENMARK.—The Lodges in this country are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire. It has been intimated that Denmark Lodge, No. 1, desires to resume its relations with the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

It appears from publications in German papers of the Order, that Nordstern Lodge, No. 3, has been instituted at Copenhagen. It is presumed this was the action of the Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, though nothing official has been received on the subject. My predecessor, at the last session, (Journal, 3215) mentioned the fact that Scandinavia Lodge, No. 2, had been instituted at Copenhagen by the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, "under a misconception of the powers of that Grand Lodge." I beg to renew his suggestion, that "it would be good policy to give the Grand Lodge of the German Empire power to institute Lodges in Denmark, and retain jurisdiction over them until further directed," but until such authority is conferred by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I deem it my duty to call attention to all such infractions of the powers of this Body, as clearly determined by the report of the Legislative Committee in 1873, Journal, 5887.

To authorize Grand Bodies to institute Lodges and Encampments "in such countries, domestic or foreign, as are without Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments," would, it seems by the report of the Legislative Committee referred to, require an amendment to the Constitution of this Body.

GERMANY.—During the past year some difficulties and dissensions have arisen in the Order in the German Empire; but I am happy to be able to state, that the latest information from that country indicates that, if not already accomplished, an early restoration of harmony and fraternal feeling may be anticipated among the Lodges and Brotherhood in that Empire. The difficulties referred to, render it impossible to present an accurate statement of the condition of the Order, but it is believed that, with the settlement of the troubles, new life will be infused into the Lodges and Encampments, and an era of prosperity ensue.

NETHERLANDS.—The Order in this country is prospering, as evidenced by the application for a new Lodge in the city of Amsterdam, and the information that Lodges will soon be established in other important places in the Kingdom.

PERU.—Advices from this Republic are unsatisfactory; but, from all that can be learned, it is feared that the Order is in a precarious condition. In view of the fact that the inhabitants of Lima and Callo have endured all the horrors of a war with Chile; have been subjugated, and are at the mercy of an enemy; we need not be surprised to learn that the temples of Odd Fellowship have been destroyed, the altars demolished, and the membership scattered. When peace is fully restored and a stable government organized, it is hoped that the brethren will gather the scattered fragments, again erect their altars, and earnestly endeavor to diffuse the principles of our Order.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Harmony Lodge, No. 3, and Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, constitute the Order in this jurisdiction. The information communicated by the efficient D. D. Grand Sire Bro. ROBERT LEWERS, is of a highly encouraging character. It is well known that it is nearly forty years since Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, was organized at Honolulu, and the efforts of the brethren in maintaining the Lodge, under all the vicissitudes that have naturally attended it during its existence, deserve the highest commendation of this Grand Body.

SWITZERLAND.—From this Republic we learn that the progress of our Order, though slow, is sure. Despite the disadvantages resulting from a depression of business, and the consequent derangement of all organizations of a beneficial character, Odd Fellowship has held its position; and, although no great accessions have been made to our ranks, it is believed that the Institution is in good hands, and eventually the Grand Lodge of Switzerland will assume a prominent position on the roll of Grand Lodges.

CHARTS.

I was informed that the Committee on Printing Supplies, deeming the Charts required in the Subordinate Degree and Encampment work were included in the term "Rituals," had determined to issue suitable Charts, and furnish them, through the Grand Bodies, to Lodges and Encampments at a reasonable price. While this action was not directly authorized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I could see no impropriety in the course pursued, but believe the committee had in view only the interests of this Grand Lodge and the Subordinates throughout the country. The result has been a considerable addition to the funds of this Body, while Subordinates, I am told, have been supplied with handsome Charts for much less than has heretofore been paid for inferior articles. I hope the action of the committee will be approved.

THE SESSION AT TORONTO.

Certain duties, in recognition of the attentions bestowed by our brethren and others of Ontario at the last session of this Body, were devolved upon the officers of this Grand Lodge, and the necessary documents were prepared under the direction of the Grand C. and R. Secretary. Among other matters, though not a part of the proceedings of this Body, the presentation of a Grand Master's jewel by the officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, deserves suitable notice, and I have deemed it proper, as a matter of record, to append to the report of the Grand Sire the proceedings connected with the gift.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

The letters received by the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary from the Sandwich Islands and Barbados, on this subject, will be submitted to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and will doubtless receive the attention they deserve.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDER.

The usual Proclamation was issued on the 2d day of March, and, so far as can be learned, the sixty-second Anniversary was generally celebrated on the 26th day of April, 1881.

PETITIONS FOR A LODGE.

This subject, introduced at the last session, (Journal, 8212,) was referred to the Legislative Committee, but, probably on account of the pressure of other business, was overlooked, and no report in reference to it appears upon the Journal. It is an important matter, and if a proper law be enacted, it is believed that many new and valuable Lodges will be organized.

VACANCIES.

The vacancies in the offices of District Deputy Grand Sires were filled by the appointment of the following:

MAURITS FRANK, P. G., Amsterdam.....Netherlands.
JOHN HAMPDEN FIELD, P. G. Rep., Montreal.....Quebec.
RUDOLPH WEBER, P. G., Zurich.....Switzerland.

WARRANTS ISSUED.

Sinai Encampment, No. 6, Grand Forks, Dakota.
Walla Walla Encampment, No. 3, Walla Walla, Washington.
Washington Encampment, No. 4, Port Gamble, Washington.
Harmony Encampment, No. 3, Fort Laramie, Wyoming.
Grand Encampment of Dakota, Yankton, Dakota.
Pima Lodge, No. 3, Tucson, Arizona.
Pinal Lodge, No. 4, Pinal City, Arizona.
Cochise Lodge, No. 5, Tombstone, Arizona.
San Vicente Lodge, No. 5, Silver City, New Mexico.
Lewiston Lodge, No. 8, Lewiston, Idaho.
Prins Hendrik Lodge, No. 3, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 2, Daughters of Rebekah, Prescott, Arizona.

COMMISSIONS.

To DAVID S. DODDS, P. C. P, Dakota, to confer the Encampment Degrees upon six Scarlet Degree members at Grand Forks, Dakota.

To W. D. PLANTS, P. C. P., Washington, to confer the Encampment Degrees upon seven Scarlet Degree members at Walla Walla, Washington.

To H. G. STRUVE, P. G. M., Washington, to confer the Encampment Degrees upon ten Scarlet Degree members at Port Gamble, Washington.

To L. KABIS, G. M., to confer the Encampment Degrees upon nine Scarlet Degree members at Fort Laramie, Wyoming.

WALLA WALLA ENCAMPMENT, NO. 3, WASHINGTON.

This Encampment having, by petition dated April 13th, 1881, applied to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Oregon, the request was granted, provided the Grand Encampment consented to accept the trust. The officers of that Body having assented to the transfer, the D. D. Grand Sire and the officers of Walla Walla Encampment were duly notified.

LEWISTON LODGE, NO. 8, IDAHO.

This Lodge applied, under date of June 21st, 1881, to be attached to the Grand Lodge of Washington, and the request was granted, provided the said Grand Lodge agrees to the arrangement. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington was notified, July 9th, and has signified his willingness to accept the trust.

CARDS GRANTED.

As authorized by the law, Section 229 Digest, cards were issued to six members of Erin Springs Lodge, No. 4, Indian Territory, now extinct.

DUPLICATE CHARTERS.

A Charter was issued to Tampa Lodge, No 7, Tampa, Florida, in place of the Charter granted October 26th, 1849, which, it was represented, had been destroyed since its surrender to the Grand Lodge of Florida in 1869.

OFFICE OF GRAND C. AND R. SECRETARY.

It will be the cause of deep regret, pain and sorrow to every member of this Grand Body, and to the Brotherhood generally, to learn that our venerable Grand Secretary, Bro. JAMES L. RIDGELY, continues in feeble health. The prayer of every member of the Order, which he has so long and faithfully served, is, that he may yet be restored to vigorous health, and be enabled to resume the position, whose duties, for more than forty years, he has discharged with an ability and fidelity which will never be surpassed, if ever equalled, by those who may follow him.

In consequence of the continued affliction of Bro. RIDGELY, the duties of the office of Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary have fallen upon, and been entirely performed by your most efficient Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. THEODORE A. ROSS.

The labors of the office during the past year, by reason of the "Revised Work," have been largely augmented. In view of the increased labor thus devolved upon him, and which he has so efficiently and satisfactorily performed, I would most respectfully suggest and recommend he be paid such compensation, additional to his salary, as to you may seem just and proper.

FINANCIAL.

The financial condition of the Grand Lodge is highly satisfactory. The statements of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer show a larger amount of cash assets than this Body has in any previous year of its existence possessed. The accumulation, of course, resulted from the adoption of the Revised Rituals, and while the aggregate of receipts is large, the tax has not been burdensome upon any Subordinate. The surplus should be carefully guarded, for while the ordinary receipts are insufficient to meet the annual expenses, there must of necessity be a constant diminution of the invested funds; to what extent depends upon the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

DEATHS.

JOHN F. HAVENNER, a Representative from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, died at his home in the City of Washington on the 19th day of March, 1881. Bro. HAVENNER had been, for many years, an active and useful member of this Grand Lodge, endearing himself to his fellow members by the kindness of his disposition and the goodness of his heart.

GEORGE W. RACE, P. G. Sire, after a lingering and painful illness, died at his home in the City of New Orleans on the 17th day of June, 1881. Bro. RACE entered this Grand Lodge, as a Representative from Louisiana, in 1852. In 1854 he was elected Deputy Grand Sire, and in 1856 he was elevated to the position of Grand Sire. In all the relations of life, private and public, it can truly be said of him: "None knew him but to love him."

C. C. BATTERMAN, a Representative from the Grand Lodge of Nevada, died at Tombstone, Arizona, on the 23d day of August, 1881. At the last session this highly esteemed Brother was with us, and apparently in the enjoyment of perfect health. His absence from our meetings will be sadly missed by those who have heretofore been associated with him in the Sovereign Grand Lodge. All who knew him, and loved him for his true manliness; his devotion to the right and abhorrence of wrong, will deeply regret to learn that the earthly labors of Rep. BATTERMAN are ended.

Besides these Brothers, several Past Grand Representatives have departed this life during the past year. An appropriate announcement of their decease will doubtless, at the proper time, be made by the Representatives from their respective jurisdictions.

Representatives: These annual announcements of the death of those who were at the time, or had been members of this Grand Lodge, forcibly remind us of our own mortality, and add weight, if possible, to the solemn injunction: "Be ye also ready."

CONCLUSION.

REPRESENTATIVES:—I have, as required by the Constitution, submitted a statement of the official acts and decisions of the Grand Sire during the recess, together with such matters relating to the growth and prosperity of the Order as I believe would interest you.

During a portion of the year I have been quite ill, and unable to give such attention to my voluminous correspondence as it merited; indeed, for weeks

I was unable to hold a pen. I therefore ask the indulgence of all who have failed to receive prompt replies to their letters. That I have not been able to accomplish more since I accepted this high office, is my misfortune rather than my fault; the will has not been wanting, but my physical condition has not been equal to the demands.

A year ago we met in the beautiful city of Toronto, in the Dominion of Canada, welcomed to Ontario by the authorities, the brotherhood and the citizens, with an earnestness and cordiality that must ever be remembered. The session was a memorable one in many respects. Aside from the important business transacted, and the fact that it was the first session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge held outside of the United States, the courtesies extended during the week, your own recognition of the hospitalities bestowed, by the presentation of elegantly bound volumes of your proceedings to the authorities of the Province, the city and others, and the gift by the officers and members of a handsome and valuable Grand Master's Jewel to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, were events of no ordinary importance.

To-day, after an absence of thirty-one years, we are assembled in the magnificent Queen City of the West—the far-famed Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio—the centre of a population of fifty millions of inhabitants of the United States of America, and your reception here by your brethren of the Order, by the City authorities, and others, is as cordial as warm hearts and open hands can render.

But you have met here, not merely to participate in the entertainments that have been so lavishly provided for your pleasure and comfort, but to legislate for the best interests of the great Brotherhood you represent; to shape the future of this Order, that it may continue to prosper as the years roll on, and you may hand it down to posterity grander and better, (if possible), than you received it from those who have gone before.

To men who by long service have attained the proud positions of Representatives to this Grand Lodge, a word of admonition from me may seem preposterous; yet, pardon me if I say, I trust your legislation will be marked by a careful discrimination against all projects of doubtful utility; that you will weigh carefully all matters presented to you, rejecting the bad and holding fast to the meritorious, and thus deserve the respect and confidence of the entire Order, which watches with earnest eyes the deliberations of this Supreme tribunal of Odd Fellowship.

That you will be faithful to the trust confided to you I do not doubt, and it is my earnest hope that the record of the fifty-seventh Annual Session of this Body will be, at least, the equal in wisdom and intelligence of any of the many Communications that have preceded it.

LUTHER J. GLENN, *Grand Sire.*

DOCUMENTS ACCOMPANYING THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SIRE.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE.
Atlanta, Ga., November 1st, 1880.

To the M. W. Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows..

BROTHERS:—At the late session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge held at Toronto, Ontario, Canada, among other proceedings, the report of the Committee on Revision, appointed at the session of 1879, was adopted. In it is embraced,

First. A revised Initiatory Charge Book to take the place of the present work.

Second. An entirely new Degree Ritual, consisting of three degrees, instead of the present five degrees.

Third. A new Encampment Ritual of three degrees, superceding the present.

Fourth. Important changes in the unwritten work of the Order. Full information on this subject will be communicated by your Grand Representatives, through whom alone you can obtain a knowledge of the work.

Your attention is called to the following legislation in reference to the Revised Work:

Resolved, That the revised Initiatory, Degree, and Encampment Work, as adopted at this session, shall go into operation on the 1st day of January, 1881; and that to this end the Grand Secretary is directed to have the same ready for distribution, upon orders of Subordinate Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes by that time.

Resolved, That the price of the Initiatory Charge Book shall be one dollar and twenty-five cents each to Grand Lodges.

Resolved, That the price of Degree and Encampment Books shall be one dollar each to Grand Bodies.

Resolved, That all the members of the Order who have heretofore received the first and second degrees under the old work shall be entitled to rank as members of the *first* degree of the revised work. All members who have received the third and fourth degrees of the old work shall be entitled to rank as members of the *second* degree of the revised work, and all members who have received the fifth degree of the old work shall be entitled to rank as members of the *third* degree of the revised work, without charge.

Resolved, That as soon as the Charge Books containing the revised work are printed, the Grand Secretary is hereby directed to forward to the Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes of each Grand Jurisdiction, a number of copies of the same, equal to the number of Grand Representatives that each Grand Body is now entitled to in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, for the special use of said Grand Representatives or Grand Officers of such jurisdiction, but which shall be returned to the said Grand Secretaries and Scribes as soon as the revised work goes into effect, and that such copies be charged to such Grand Bodies.

Resolved, That the Revised Work as adopted at this session of this Grand Lodge shall, from the time it takes effect, be the only lawful work of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows to be used throughout the globe, and any other or different work is hereby declared to be illegal and void.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes of the various Grand Jurisdictions, in the distribution of the Revised Work, be charged with the collection of the Charge Books containing the old work, and that the said officers be authorized and directed to burn or destroy the same and make report of the result to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

It has been asked: How shall the unwritten work be communicated to the Subordinates in jurisdictions where Grand Bodies do not meet until after the first day of January, 1881, and no Constitutional provision exists for the exercise of the powers of the Grand Bodies by Standing Committees or Grand Officers during the recess?

It is suggested that possibly the most efficient way in which it may be done, is for the Grand Representatives to instruct the Executive Officers, and the Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs to convene their District Deputies at some convenient place or places, instruct them thoroughly in the work and charge them with the duty of imparting the same to the Subordinate Lodges in their respective districts.

It is hoped that the Initiatory and Degree Rituals will be ready for distribution by the 1st of December, and the Encampment books by the 15th of December, 1880.

Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes should file their orders with the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary at an early day, so that there may be no delay in supplying the new work to the Subordinates.

Fraternally, LUTHER J. GLENN, *Grand Sire.*

ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O.O. F.,
OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE.

To whom these presents may come greeting:

WHEREAS, The twenty-sixth day of April is the Anniversary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the United States of America, and it has been the custom and usage of the several jurisdictions under the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. to celebrate the day in such appropriate manner as they may respectively designate;

Now, therefore, I, LUTHER J. GLENN, M. W. Grand Sire, by virtue of such usage and the authority of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, do hereby recommend all Grand and Subordinate Bodies of the Order to set apart the twenty-sixth day of April, 1881, for its due observance as the *sixty-second Anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America.* And to that end to dedicate the occasion to appropriate exercises, and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His manifold blessings to our Order, individually and collectively.

Done at the city of Baltimore, State of Maryland, this, the second day of March, A. D. 1881, and of our Order the sixty-second.

LUTHER J. GLENN, *Grand Sire.*

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

The Ceremony authorized to be observed at the celebration of the Anniversary of the Order, may be obtained from the Grand Secretaries of the several Grand Lodges, and at the office of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Baltimore.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

Fifty-sixth Annual Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

At an informal meeting of the Officers and Grand Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, held in the Parliament House, City of Toronto, Province of Ontario, Dominion of Canada, on Friday, September 24th, 1880, at 6 o'clock P. M., the following proceedings were had:

On motion of WM. H. BAGLEY, Representative of North Carolina, HENRY F. GAREY, Representative of Maryland, was called to the Chair, and THEODORE A. ROSS, Assistant Grand Secretary, was appointed Secretary.

Representative BAGLEY, after a brief statement of the object of the meeting, offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a Grand Master's Jewel shall be presented by the Officers and Grand Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F., and that said presentation shall be made in our behalf by the M. W. Grand Sire, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, and the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That JOSHUA VANSANT, R. W. Grand Treasurer, THEODORE A. ROSS, R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary, and HENRY F. GAREY, R. W. Grand Representative, be, and they are hereby, authorized to procure the said Jewel and superintend its presentation to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, as provided for in the foregoing resolution.

HENRY F. GAREY, *Chairman.*

THEO. A. ROSS, *Secretary.*

To the M. W. Grand Sire, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire,
and R. W. Grand C. and R. Secretary:

The undersigned, by authority of the above proceedings, have procured and herewith transmit a Grand Master's Jewel, of which the following is a description:

The Jewel is, according to regulation, of white metal, the *Sun*, with the Scales of Justice thereon; the rays of the Sun being alternate silver and gold. The centre is oxidized silver, upon which gold scales have been artistically

placed. A diamond to represent white, at the top; on the right a light ruby for pink; on the left a sapphire for blue, and at the bottom a dark ruby for scarlet, all solid stones, have been inserted to display the colors of the Order.

The Jewel is attached, by three links, to a bar on which "ONTARIO" is enameled, and this bar is connected by a scarlet ribbon with a plate to which a heavy pin is attached. On the plate the letters I. O. O. F. are enameled, and immediately above them is the "All-seeing Eye" in which a diamond has been inserted. The links, bar, plate and pin are solid gold. The reverse of the Jewel is inscribed: "*Presented by the Grand Officers and Grand Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Toronto, September*, 1880, *to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.*"

Fraternally,

JOSHUA VANSANT,
THEO. A. ROSS,
HENRY F. GAREY,
Committee.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

In behalf of the Grand Officers and Grand Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, we take pleasure in presenting the accompanying Grand Master's Jewel as a memento of the memorable session of that body, held at Toronto, September, 1880.

Done at the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland, United States of America, this, the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, and of our Order the sixty-second.

LUTHER J. GLENN, *Grand Sire.*
ERIE J. LEECH, *Deputy Grand Sire.*
JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Grand C. and R. Secretary.*

OFFICE OF THE R. W. GRAND SECRETARY,
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.
Toronto, August 22d, 1881.

THEO. A. ROSS, ESQ.,

Assistant Grand Secretary, Sovereign Grand Lodge, Baltimore, Md.

VERY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Agreeably to your instructions, I presented to the Grand Lodge, at its late session in Brantford, August 10th inst., the address and jewel presented by the officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge present at the session of 1880, in Toronto, and have pleasure in handing you herewith the Grand Master's reply, a copy of which I am directed to send to each of the members present at the session referred to, and who participated in making the generous present.

I am, fraternally, yours,
J. B. KING, *Grand Secretary.*

OFFICE OF THE R. W. GRAND MASTER,
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.
Brantford, August 10th, 1881.

J. B. KING, *R. W. Grand Secretary:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—You will please convey to the officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge the thanks of this Grand Lodge for their magnificent present—the more gratifying as it was unexpected,—and assure them, sir, that we will highly prize it, not only for its intrinsic value, which is very great, but more for the fraternal sentiment which it carries with it; for I am sure that every brother who may fill the honorable position of Grand Master of this jurisdiction, will feel as much pride in wearing it, as I now feel in being permitted to receive it at your hand. And may it always be treasured by this Grand Lodge as another golden link in the chain that binds us together.

W. H. COLE, *Grand Master.*

Rep. HILL, of Nevada, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the M. W. Grand Sire be referred to a special committee of five, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees.

The Chair named the committee as follows:

Reps. HILL, of Nevada; ANDERSON, of Rhode Island; DUNBAUGH, of Colorado; ISZARD, of New Jersey; VANCE, of West Virginia.

The R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted his annual report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary herewith, respectfully submits his Annual Report. The special duties devolved upon him to be performed during the recess are as follows:

1. *Resolved*, That the account of this Grand Lodge against Milicete Encampment, No. 11, for Encampment charge books, of date July 30th, 1877, amounting to fifteen dollars, be and the same is hereby cancelled.—*Journal*, 8351, 8462.

This direction has been complied with, and the account of Milicete Encampment balanced.

2. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby authorized to procure for this Grand Lodge, a suitable flag of the Order, at an expense not to exceed the sum of fifty dollars.—*Journal*, 8352, 8462.

The authority conveyed in this resolution has been exercised, and the flag is present at this session.

3. *Resolved*, That all Grand Representatives to this session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge (who have not heretofore received them) be furnished with the bound Journals of this Sovereign Grand Lodge free of charge, and $800.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to pay for the same.—*Journal*, 8352, 8462.

The Journals, as directed by the above and the resolution of 1879, page 8171, were forwarded, as soon as received from the Committee on Printing Supplies, to the Representatives at sessions of 1879 and 1880.

4. *Resolved*, That the request of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi be granted, and that the fund now in the treasury of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, known and designated as the Special Relief Fund, be returned to the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, to be distributed for the relief of the destitute widows and orphans of brethren of that jurisdiction who died during the epidemic of 1878, and none others.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer, in order to comply with the direction of this Grand Lodge, to return the Special Relief Fund in his hands, be authorized to transmit to the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, the United States bond in which said fund is invested, and a check for the balance of cash of said fund in his hands, as per the statement of the Grand Treasurer in his report on page 8291.—*Journal*, 8356, 8463, 8472.

The Grand Treasurer having advised of the transmission of the "Special Relief Fund" to the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, as directed by the above resolutions, the proper entries were made on the books of this office.

5. *Resolved*, That the interests of our Order will be subserved by the publication, in the appendix to the proceedings of this session, of the reception speeches and responses at the Exhibition grounds on Friday, the 17th September; of the sermon of our Grand Chaplain on Sunday, the 19th, and of the reception of the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, and Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Toronto, on Wednesday, the 22d; and the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is requested to comply with the above.—*Journal*, 8402.

This resolution was complied with by inserting in the appendix to the Journal as complete a record of the several interesting entertainments provided by the brethren of Ontario, and others, at the last session of this Body, as it was possible to obtain.

6. *Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge be authorized to appoint a D.D. Grand Sire for the Netherlands from Past Grands of the two Lodges in existence in that country, provided he will serve in that capacity without expense to the R. W. Sovereign Grand Lodge.—*Journal*, 8411.

After considerable delay, occasioned by the brethren in Amsterdam failing to agree upon a suitable Past Grand for the responsible position of District Deputy Grand Sire, a commission was ordered by the Grand Sire to be sent to MAURITS FRANK, who, it is confidently believed, will faithfully discharge the duties devolved upon him.

7. *Resolved*, That the revised Initiatory, Degree, and Encampment Work, as adopted at this session, shall go into operation on the 1st day of January, 1881; and that to this end the Grand Secretary is directed to have the same ready for distribution, upon orders of Subordinate Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes by that time.

Resolved, That the price of the Initiatory Charge Book shall be one dollar and twenty-five cents each, to Grand Lodges.

Resolved, That the price of the Degree and Encampment Books shall be one dollar each, to Grand Bodies.—*Journal*, 8412, 8455.

The direction contained in the above resolutions could not be strictly complied with by the Grand Secretary, as all the books named were not furnished to him by the first of January. The Rituals were, however, forwarded immediately after their receipt at this office. The distribution of the English edition of Charge Books commenced on the 15th of December; the Degree Books on the 19th of January, and the Encampment Books on the 2d of March. The German and French editions were further delayed, but all orders were filled the earliest moment after the books came to hand.

8. *Resolved*, That P. G. Sires STOKES and NICHOLSON be requested to furnish copies of their orations as delivered at the Annual Reunion of the Past Grand Representatives, in the city of Toronto, held September 21st, 1880, for publication in the Journal of the present session.—*Journal*, 8413.

As soon after the session as possible, the distinguished brothers mentioned were applied to for copies of their orations, and Bro. STOKES immediately forwarded the document which appears on page 8515, Journal. Bro. NICHOLSON, in letter of October 25th, 1880, (published on page 8516, Journal) stated his inability to comply with the request of the Grand Lodge.

9. WHEREAS, The Representative tax of the Grand Lodge of Utah has been paid for the years 1878, 1879, and 1880, and no Representative has been present at the sessions of 1878 and 1879, and no mileage or per diem is allowed

to a Representative from that distant jurisdiction, comprising only six Subordinates; therefore,

Resolved, That the Representative tax for three years be and is hereby, remitted to the Grand Lodge of Utah, and the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is hereby instructed to draw a Warrant on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars ($225.00) in favor of E. L. BUTTERFIELD, the present Representative from that jurisdiction.—*Journal*, 8424, 8482.

This direction was complied with by the issue of Warrant No. 1862, favor of E. L. BUTTERFIELD, G. Representative, for $225.00.

10. Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, accompanying copies of a publication, entitled "History of Odd Fellowship in Canada," which have been presented to the Officers, Representatives, and Past Grand Sires attending this session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Sovereign Grand Lodge be and they are hereby tendered to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario for the generous gift of this excellent publication, which forms a valuable chapter in the history of Odd Fellowship.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be duly engrossed by the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and after the same has been properly attested by the R. W. Grand Officers, be transmitted to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.—*Journal*, 8433.

A copy of the proceeding, as above, was printed on a diploma blank and transmitted to Bro. J. B. KING, R. W. Grand Secretary, to be presented to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, at its session, August, 1881.

11. WHEREAS, WALTER B. HARRIS, P. G. Rep. from Georgia, by the burning of his dwelling house a few months ago, had the Journals and Digest of this Grand Lodge destroyed, and he is unable to replace the same by purchase:

Resolved, That this Grand Body hereby donates to Bro. HARRIS a set of the Journals and Digest, to replace those destroyed.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to furnish copies of the Revised Journals to such officers of this Grand Lodge as have not heretofore received them.—*Journal*, 8390, 8403, 8437, 8483.

Immediately after the close of the session, the M. W. Grand Sire, Bro. GLENN, stated that he had been advised of the death of Bro. HARRIS, therefore the above direction has been but partially complied with. The Journals were sent "to such officers of this Grand Lodge as have not heretofore received them," and their receipts for the same are on file.

12. *Resolved*, That the resolutions of the Committee on Dues and Benefits only, be printed in the Daily Journal, and that in addition to the printing of the entire report in the Revised Journal, a sufficient number of copies be printed separately to supply one to each Subordinate Lodge.—*Journal*, 8453.

This order was complied with by having the entire report put in type and the requisite number of copies printed and forwarded to the several Grand Bodies, to enable them to furnish a copy to each Subordinate Lodge and Encampment. The complete report appears on pages 8442-8453, Journal.

13. *Resolved*, That nine dollars and twenty cents be refunded to JACOB WIENER, P. G., Amsterdam, Holland, being the amount paid by him for English Diplomas.—*Journal*, 8467, 8484.

STATE LIBRARY HARRISBURG PENN.

The direction was obeyed by the issue of Warrant No. 1889, the receipt of which was duly acknowledged.

14. *Resolved*, That the Representative tax, due to this Sovereign Grand Lodge from the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, for the past four years, during which the said Grand Encampment has not been represented in this Body, be remitted, so as to free the re-organized Grand Encampment of South Carolina from this debt.—*Journal*, 8471.

The proper entries, balancing the account of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, were made on the books of this Grand Lodge, and the authorities of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina duly notified.

15. *Resolved*, That as soon as the Charge Books containing the Revised Work are printed, the Grand Secretary is hereby directed to forward to the Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes of each Grand jurisdiction, a number of copies of the same, equal to the number of Grand Representatives that each Grand Body is now entitled to in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, for the special use of said Grand Representatives or Grand Officers of such jurisdiction, but which shall be returned to the said Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes as soon as the Revised Work goes into effect, and that such copies be charged to such Grand Bodies.—*Journal*, 8472.

In compliance with the above, the advance copies of the Charge Book were sent on the 4th of December, 1880, two copies to each Grand Lodge having two Representatives, and one copy to each Grand Lodge having one Representative, and on the 3d day of January, 1881, the Degree Books were distributed in the same manner. On the 21st day of February, 1881, the Encampment Charge Books were distributed, two to each Grand Encampment having two Representatives, and one to each Grand Encampment having one Representative.

16. *Resolved*, That the sum of $750.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated to JOHN B. HARMON, the then R. W. Deputy Grand Sire and Special Commissioner to Australasia, for the purpose of repaying the money advanced by him.

Resolved, That the appropriation above provided for, shall in nowise be considered as a precedent for the payment of any claim against this Grand Lodge not contracted strictly in accordance with law.—*Journal*, 8481.

Pursuant to the above order, the Warrant of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, No. 1861, on the R. W. Grand Treasurer, in favor of JOHN B. HARMON, was duly issued.

17. WHEREAS, The reception extended to the officers and members of this Grand Lodge during its present session has been characterized by a cordial and assiduous hospitality, which is without parallel in the history of the Order; and whereas, it is eminently proper that we should place upon record our profound appreciation of the same; therefore be it

Resolved, That the thanks of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows are due, and are hereby tendered to the Provincial Government of Ontario for the use of the rooms of the legislative assembly of Ontario during our session, and to his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario, the Hon. JOHN BEVERLEY ROBINSON, and his accomplished lady, for their kind welcome of the Grand Lodge to the province, and for their courteous hospitality.

Resolved, further, That our thanks are also due and are hereby tendered to his Honor, JAMES BEATY, Jr., Mayor, and the Aldermen of the city of Toronto, and to J. J. WITHROW, Esq., President, and the Directors of the Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto, for their kind attentions both officially and personally; to the Very Rev. Dean GRASSETT, of St. James' Cathedral;

to the Rev. Dr. POTTS, pastor, and Mr. F. H. TORRINGTON, organist, of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, for pleasant courtesies; to the citizens generally of the city of Toronto, for their continuous manifestations of hospitality; and to the brethren of Ontario, and the Reception Committee of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, for their fraternal welcome and their untiring efforts to render our stay among them a pleasant one.

Resolved, further, That the session of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, held for the first time beyond the limits of the United States, marks the beginning of a new epoch in the history of American Odd Fellowship, and must aid in binding more closely together the people of Canada and the United States, already so firmly united by the ties of commerce and of kinship.

Resolved, further, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is hereby directed to transmit complete sets of the Revised Journal, suitably bound, to the Library of the Provincial Parliament of Ontario, to the Honorable Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario, to his Honor the Mayor of the city of Toronto, and to J. J. WITHROW, Esq., President of the Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto.

Resolved, further, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to forward engrossed copies of these resolutions to the Honorable Lieutenant-Governor ROBINSON, to the Hon. OLIVER MOWAT, Attorney-General of Ontario, his Honor Mayor BEATY, J. J. WITHROW, Esq., Very Rev. Dean GRASSETT, the Rev. Dr. POTTS, Mr. F. H. TORRINGTON, W. H. COLE, Grand Master of Ontario, and the chairman of the Reception Committee of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.—*Journal*, 8485.

In order to fully comply with the above resolutions, ten volumes of the Journal 1821 to 1880, inclusive, were handsomely bound in calf and inscribed to the Library of the Provincial Parliament of Ontario, and three sets of ten volumes each, elegantly bound in Turkey morocco, gilt edges, were prepared with suitable inscriptions and presented to Hon. JOHN BEVERLEY ROBINSON, Lieutenant-Governor; Hon. JAMES BEATY, Jr., Mayor; J. J. WITHROW, Esq., President of the Industrial Exhibition Association.

As the regular edition of the bound volumes closes with Vol. IX, 1876–1878, it was necessary to constitute Vol. X of the proceedings of 1879 and 1880, which was accordingly done, and the book was embellished with a steel-plate engraving of JOHN B. HARMON, P. G. Sire.

Copies of the resolutions, printed on diploma blanks, were transmitted to the parties named in the last resolution.

The services of Bro. J. B. KING, R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, were requested, and cheerfully given, in delivering the testimonials.

The following acknowledgements are submitted:

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY, GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO,
Toronto, June 8th, 1881.

THEO. A. ROSS, Esq.,
Assistant Grand Secretary, Baltimore, Md.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I beg to report that agreeably to your request, I have, in company with Bros. WM. BADENACH, Grand Treasurer; HENRY ROBERTSON, Grand Warden; J. T. HORNIBROOK, P. G. M., and HUGH BLAIN, waited upon his Honor, JOHN BEVERLEY ROBINSON, Lieutenant-Governor; JAMES BEATY, JR., Esq., ex-Mayor; J. J. WITHROW, Esq., President of the Industrial Exhibition Association, and the Librarian of the Parliament of Ontario, and handed to each your letter and copy of resolutions with the bound volumes of the Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Each of the gentlemen received the deputation with much cordiality,

and expressed delight at the mark of respect, and no doubt ere this you have received their personal acknowledgements. I also personally waited upon and delivered the letters and addresses to the following gentlemen, viz.: The Very Rev. Dean GRASSETT, Rev. Dr. POTTS, Mr. F. H. TORRINGTON, and Bro. J. T. HORNIBROOK, Chairman of Committee. Those for the Grand Master I forwarded by mail and they have been received. The copy for the Hon. O. MOWAT I still have, and will deliver when the Honorable gentleman returns from Europe.

With very pleasant recollections of your visit here last September, I am

Fraternally yours,

J. B. KING, *Grand Secretary.*

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Toronto, June 2, 1881.

THEO. A. ROSS, Esq.,
Assistant Grand Secretary, Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 2d of May, handed to me yesterday by the Grand Secretary of the I. O. O. F. here, transmitting to me a copy of the Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its session in this city in September last; also a complete set consisting of ten volumes of the Journal of that Body from 1821 to 1880 inclusive.

I appreciate highly these gifts, and the courtesy and kind feelings of the members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, by which they were actuated in directing this splendid present to be forwarded to me. They will at all times occupy a prominent position in my library and be a never-failing reminder of the very agreeable intercourse which myself and family were fortunate enough, for a short time, to enjoy with the members of the Grand Lodge during their sojourn in this city.

With many thanks and good wishes for the prosperity of every member of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I remain,

Faithfully yours,

JOHN BEVERLEY ROBINSON.

ST. JAMES' SQUARE,
Toronto, June 20, 1881.

THEO. A. ROSS, Esq.,
Assistant Grand Secretary, Baltimore, Md.

MY DEAR SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt, through Messrs. HORNIBROOK, KING, and others, of ten bound volumes of Reports and Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and also a handsome address, or resolutions of thanks from the officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order Odd Fellows. The volumes of books are most beautifully prepared and valuable, and the address is a pleasant reminder of the agreeable acquaintances formed and the kindly sentiments begotten by your visit.

Will you earnestly and promptly thank the Grand Lodge for their beautiful gifts and the generous and cordial spirit which prompts them to remember services willingly and dutifully rendered, only wishing they could have been more successful and more worthy of the occasion?

I have the honor to remain yours faithfully,

JAMES BEATY, JR.

TORONTO, June 1, 1881.

THEO. A. ROSS, Esq.,
Assistant Grand Secretary, Baltimore, Md.

MY DEAR SIR: I was to-day waited on by a deputation of gentlemen from the Committee of Management of your Body, and formally presented with a beautiful copy of complimentary resolutions passed by your Grand

Lodge during your session held here last September, and also with ten volumes of beautifully bound copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

Please convey to the Executive Committee of your Grand Lodge my acknowledgment of this additional mark of their consideration. I shall ever remember, with gratitude and pride, the fact that the visit of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to Toronto added very materially to the success of our exhibition.

I remain, truly yours,
JOHN J. WITHROW.

LIBRARY, PARLIAMENT OF ONTARIO,
Toronto, June 2, 1881.

THEO. A. ROSS, Esq.,
Assistant Grand Secretary, Baltimore, Md.

SIR: I am directed to acknowledge, on behalf of this Library, your donation consisting of a complete set of the Proceedings of the Independent Order Odd Fellows, ten volumes, 1821–1880.

I am also directed to say that, in further recognition of your present, its reception will be duly notified to Parliament in the next Annual Report on the State of the Library.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,
SAMUEL JAMES WATSON, *Librarian.*

18. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are justly due, and are hereby tendered to Bro. JOHN B. HARMON, retiring M. W. Grand Sire, for the courteous, efficient and impartial manner in which he has discharged the arduous duties of his high office.—*Journal*, 8492.

The resolution, as above, was duly transmitted to the distinguished brother.

19 *Resolved*, That P. G. Sire HARMON be requested to sit for his portrait, that it may be placed in the hall at Baltimore, with those of his distinguished predecessors, and that the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay for the same.—*Journal*, 8492.

In compliance with the above, Bro. HARMON furnished his portrait, which has been framed in a suitable manner, and is placed in the Grand Saloon in Odd Fellows' Hall, Baltimore, among the portraits of those who have preceded him as the head of this Order.

20. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to procure a steel-plate engraving of P. G. Sire HARMON, and have copies thereof placed in the volume of the Revised Journal containing the proceedings of his term of office.—*Journal*, 8492.

This direction has been complied with; a steel-plate having been procured, impressions from which were inserted in volume X as presented to the Governor and others in Toronto.

21. *Resolved*, That P. G. Sire JOHN B. HARMON, and also Grand Sire LUTHER J. GLENN, be, and they are hereby requested, to furnish this Sovereign Grand Lodge with a copy of the remarks made by them on the present occasion, as connected with the ceremony of installation, the same to be printed in the Journal of this Grand Lodge.—*Journal*, 8492.

The remarks, as furnished by the Past Grand Sire and the Grand Sire, appear on page 8491, Journal.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.

It is believed that the correspondence since September 1st, 1880, has been more voluminous than in any previous year in the history of the Grand Lodge. I herewith submit brief abstracts from the communications received from Grand Secretaries, Grand Scribes, and other officers, which will convev

a knowledge of the condition of the Order in the several jurisdictions. The information communicated must be gratifying to every member of the Body, indicating, as it does, the great progress of Odd Fellowship during the year 1880.

ALABAMA.—On the 9th of June the report of the Grand Lodge was received, with the following from Bro. W. A. SHIELDS, Grand Secretary:

"You will observe that our increase in membership (82) is flattering; for us very encouraging; and the indications are that for the present term it will be larger than during the past year. The expenditures for relief do not amount to as much as last year, but you will notice that our death-rate is remarkably small, while the number of brothers relieved is smaller, and the number of weeks for which benefits were paid is but little over one-half of last year. We feel that we are on rising ground, and that our growth in future will be steady."

The report of the Grand Encampment has not been received. Bro. LEE R. MCKEE, Grand Scribe, under date of July 25th, advised: "There is no use in my making up a report and guessing at the result, or rather what I think it ought to be, January 1st. * * If I can get any returns so as to make a report, will do so, and if not, will not do so."

ARIZONA.—During the recess Pima Lodge, No. 3, at Tucson; Pinal, No. 4, at Pinal City; Cochise, No. 5, at Tombstone, and Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 2, at Prescott, have been instituted. This is a wonderful increase, and special praise is due to the efficient District Deputy Grand Sire, Bro. CLARK CHURCHILL, who has been assiduous in his endeavors to establish the Order in every place in the Territory where he believed it would prosper. The frequent communications of this esteemed officer have been received with much pleasure, and we are glad to note his cheerful views of the situation. In one of his letters he said: "I think there are many reasons why this ought to be a Grand Jurisdiction, even with four or five Lodges working within it. I believe it is within the discretion of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to establish a Grand Lodge, if there seems to be sufficient reason, with less than ten Lodges."

The Secretary of Arizona Lodge, No. 1, in letter dated February 15th, wrote: "How long will the Grand Lodge continue to tax isolated Lodges ten per cent. on receipts, and give them nothing in return—no lecturers—no Representatives—no instruction? I venture the assertion that this Lodge has paid more per capita to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for the year 1880, than any Lodge with an equal number of members has paid to its State Grand Lodge, and yet any Lodge under a State Grand Lodge gets its Representation and consequent instruction, with an occasional Grand visitation, etc."

A petition on this subject, from Phœnix Lodge, No. 2, will be presented at the proper time. Lodges 1 and 2 report aggregate membership December 31, 1880, 99, a gain of 36.

ARKANSAS.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received on the 4th of April from Bro. ALBERT COHEN, R. W. Grand Secretary, who advised:

"Though the increase in membership (35) during the year has been small, our Order has held its own, and with the endowment feature engrafted, I am free to say that the Order has received a new impetus. Our garden is being weeded; that is, freed of dead weights, and we may now look hopefully for an increased interest. The new work, so far as I am able to judge, is popular with the Lodges."

The report of the Grand Encampment, forwarded by Bro. PETER BRUGMAN, Grand Scribe, reached this office August 4th, with the following:

"I am sorry to say the document is but the name of a report, as hollow as a drum, for the fact is, we have but one Encampment in the State (Arkansas, No. 2,) that has a substantial basis; the others are 'dormant.' We have made every effort possible to revive them. I have recently visited every Lodge in the State and have every reason to be confident of the future of that branch of our Order; and it may be, that by continuing the nominal

existence of the camps, and the Grand Encampment, we will be able ere long to report some progress." Loss in membership reported, 16.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.—The report received July 14th from Bro. E. FLETCHER, Grand Secretary, exhibits a loss of 10 members. A new petition of the Grand Lodge for remission of Representative tax has been received and is herewith submitted. Encampments Nos. 1 and 2 are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Oregon.

CALIFORNIA.—At a very late day, the 16th of August, the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received from Bro. W. B. LYON, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. No special information accompanied the report, but we find there has been a gain of 122 in membership of Subordinate Lodges, and in the Encampment branch a loss of 3 Encampments and 191 members.

COLORADO.—The returns of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a gain of 401 members, and the Grand Encampment a gain of 63 members, were received July 4th, without special advice, from Bro. JOHN L. BELL, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe.

CONNECTICUT.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received April 30th, and exhibits a gain of 318 members; the Grand Encampment report, received June 27th, shows an increase of 37 members. Bro. FREDERICK BOTSFORD, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, makes no special comment on the condition of the Order, but it is evident that Odd Fellowship is prospering in Connecticut.

DAKOTA.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received June 3d, from Bro. RALPH R. BRIGGS, Grand Secretary, and exhibits an increase of 303 members, nearly fifty per cent., making the aggregate 952.

Black Hills Encampment, No. 5, was instituted September 18th, 1880, at Deadwood. On the 25th of April, 1881, Sinai Encampment, No. 6, was instituted at Grand Forks, and on the 10th of August the Grand Encampment of Dakota was instituted at Yankton. The aggregate Encampment membership, exclusive of No. 6, is 110, a gain of 33 for the year.

DELAWARE.—The Grand Lodge report was received January 25th, from Bro. ISAAC W. HALLAM, Grand Secretary, with the following:

"Again I am enabled to place before you, at an early date, the report of the Grand Lodge of Delaware. Its exhibit of gains numerically (93) and financially is quite encouraging and gratifying; indicating that the retrograde movement that set in a few years ago has not only been checked, but diverted in the direction of prosperity, and that we are enabled to add a very substantial gain to the grand total of members. The amended work is being introduced slowly. It meets with much adverse criticism, which will no doubt give way to a better feeling as we grow accustomed to its use."

The Grand Encampment report was received July 28th, from Bro. EDWIN HIRST, Grand Scribe. A gain of 2 members is noted.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The Grand Encampment report, exhibiting a loss of 51 members, was received February 1st, from Bro. GEORGE E. EMMONS, Grand Scribe.

On the 1st day of April the report of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting an increase of 144 members, was received from Bro. P. HALL SWEET, Grand Secretary, who advised:

"The Order here is in a more healthy condition than it has been for many years. We have gained one new Lodge with 185 members, and the future seems full of promise."

FLORIDA.—The returns of the Grand Lodge were received April 16th, from Bro. JOSEPH Y. PORTER, Grand Secretary, and exhibit a loss of 2 members. Bro. PORTER wrote May 25th: "Three Lodges have been gained during the past year, one readmitted and two instituted. The future looks decidedly bright; the depression under which many of the Lodges suffered during the past year appears to be lightening and a healthful reaction setting in. The N. P. D.'s have, as usual, caused us much despondency, heart-aches, and loss in membership. The three principal cities in the State have each

two Lodges, and there exists no reason why the smaller towns should not have a Lodge each."

The reports of the five Subordinate Encampments show that this branch of the Order is in fair condition, the total membership being 123, a loss of 1 member during the year.

Bro. L. M. MERRITT, D. D. Grand Sire, on the 4th of May wrote:

"I have succeeded in making a rally in Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, and I fully believe that from this time they will go forward to success."

GEORGIA.—The report of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a gain of 62, and Grand Encampment, a gain of 9 members, came to hand June 7th, from Bro. JOHN G. DEITZ, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"While not as flattering as we would have them, still they show that we have our heads above water, and must do better. As far as I can learn, the Lodges are doing well and promise better for the future. There was considerable grumbling at the delay with the new work, but since the Lodges have received and worked it they are delighted with it. I hope to show a considerable gain in Encampment membership next year. Some of our Subordinates are doing very well, while others show very little interest."

IDAHO.—Six of the Lodges in this jurisdiction report to the Grand Lodge of Oregon. Mount Idaho, No. 7, continues under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and reports 25 members December 31, 1880; Lewiston Lodge, No. 8, was instituted April 26, 1881, and has been placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Washington. Idaho Encampment, No. 1, continues in good condition, having 27 members, a gain of 1. Bro. SAMUEL BECK, D. D. Grand Sire, wrote: "I am confident that before the end of the present year, Idaho will have enough Lodges to support a good substantial Grand Lodge. The subject is being agitated, and I have no doubt that we will get the unanimous consent of all Lodges this time."

ILLINOIS.—The returns of the Grand Encampment came to hand May 7th. Bro. J. C. SMITH, Grand Scribe, wrote:

"The winter has been one of long continued cold and bad weather, preventing the Patriarchs from getting together regularly, hence delay in making their reports. You will observe, however, that we have made a nice gain for the year, of 263, and this without the aid of the new work. We credit the return of prosperity in commercial and agricultural circles with this increase of membership, and expect to give you a good report for the current year. We have filled our vacant numbers—had but two of them—and now show a full roll of 177 Encampments. We will keep that number, build them up and add no more to the list."

The report of the Grand Lodge was received June 27th, from Bro. N. C. NASON, Grand Secretary, and exhibits increase in Lodges 7; in membership 2,076; in revenue $38,864.53; in relief $4,173.65.

INDIANA.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received May 23d. Bro. B. F. FOSTER, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, advised:

"Though the reports are not as good as I had hoped they would be, still they show an improvement over those of 1879. Our net gain in the membership of Subordinate Lodges is 679, while that of the preceding year was but 360. In the Encampment branch we exhibit a loss of 95, while during the year 1879 the loss was 251. Since the advent of the new work our Lodges are having quite a revival, and I predict the present year will be one of great prosperity to our Order in this jurisdiction."

INDIAN TERRITORY.—The three Lodges have an aggregate membership of 89, an increase of 12. Bro. JOHN RENNIE, D. D. Grand Sire, a short time ago wrote that he expected to receive a petition for a Lodge at Atoka, and on the 6th of August advised:

"I found the roll of Caddo Lodge, No. 1, much reduced, there being only 17 names thereon, but what is left is good material—brothers who take great

interest in the welfare of the Lodge. By authority of the Grand Sire, I publicly installed the officers of McAlister Lodge, No. 3, on the 9th of July. I found the membership about the same (47) as last year. They have done considerable work, but owing to a recent strike of the miners (of which the Lodge is composed) some 20 members have been lost. I am told that the Lodge is in a good financial condition, and the officers are zealous Odd Fellows. Tishomingo Lodge, No. 2, has not increased its membership to any extent since my report of last year, having now 27 members, but we hope by next year to show a considerable addition."

IOWA.—The Grand Lodge report was received April 5th, and the Grand Encampment report May 3d, from Bro. WILLIAM GARRETT, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who wrote:

"The Grand Lodge report speaks for itself, but I will say our gain in 1880 was 20 Lodges and 1,471 members. We also gain $12,243.40 in annual receipts and $36,393.76 in value of real estate and money at interest belonging to Lodges. Our relief was $836.82 less than in 1879, most of which was in special relief. Not quite so many brothers or widowed families received relief, but amount paid was nearly the same. We paid $500.00 less for burying the dead, though one more died in 1880 than in 1879, having lost 110 in 1880 and 109 in 1879. Considering that we have over 19,000 members our death loss is very low. As I have heretofore said, our jurisdiction is a very healthy one, and our membership is composed of the best citizens. Our prospects were never more encouraging than at present, and I think our next report will show a great gain over 1880.

"We have gained 1 Encampment and 165 members, and I think will do as well this year in membership, but will lose in number of Encampments. We have about 75 that are growing in membership and doing well; the rest are weak and not doing much. Compared with 1879, we paid about $100.00 more for relief, gained in receipts over $800.00, and over $2,500.00 in value of real estate, etc. Out of a membership of nearly 3,400 we lost 16 by death. We think we did a good year's work in the Patriarchal branch of the Order."

KANSAS.—On the 18th of April the report of the Grand Lodge was received, exhibiting a gain of 1,022 members, and the Grand Encampment showing a loss of 13 members. Bro. SAMUEL F. BURDETT, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, accompanied the returns with the following:

"By comparing the Grand Lodge report for 1880 with that of 1879, you will see that we are increasing both in Lodges and members. We are anticipating quite a revival under the new work, all the comments upon which are eulogistic, and the members generally feel that now is the opportune moment to put forth renewed energies."

KENTUCKY.—On the 7th of April the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received, from Bro. WILLIAM WHITE, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who advised:

"We have added 1 new Lodge, 2 have surrendered, and 2 have consolidated, leaving the present number 203, showing a loss of 3 Lodges. Those remaining, with a few exceptions, are active and zealous, fully alive to the interest and welfare of the Order. Therefore, though we have not increased numerically and financially as I had fondly anticipated, the elements of health, strength and prosperity are plainly visible. Our loss of members during the year is 53, whilst the admissions are slightly greater than those of the previous year; annual receipts, $7,482.22 less, and relief $534.36 less than shown in last report. Our hopes and expectations in regard to our 'Benefit Association' have not been realized, but we can say, as we did in our last, the institution is a good one, and has done and is still doing much good, having already distributed over fifty thousand dollars for the relief and support of the widows and orphans of deceased brothers, in many, and the most of cases where it was greatly needed.

"In the Encampment branch we report 54 Patriarchs less than in previous return; receipts, $953.64 more; relief, $534.36 more. We have instituted 1

new Encampment and 2 have surrendered. The prospects of this branch of the Order are cheering, and with the new Ritual and the manifest interest and devotion of our Worthy Grand Patriarch the future is most hopeful and encouraging."

LOUISIANA.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received July 16th, from Bro. JAMES FURNEAUX, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who advised as follows:

"The death of Bros. RACE and HOMES is a serious loss to our Order here. We have reason to believe that we shall be able to report an increase in membership at the close of the year. In 1880 we lost 19 in Lodge and 2 in Encampment membership."

LOWER PROVINCES, BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.—The report of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a gain of 2 Lodges and 74 members, was received June 17th, from Bro. J. C. P. FRAZEE, Grand Secretary, who advised:

"Our Lodges are fairly prosperous and our membership strongly attached to the Order, but the delay in supplying the new books and charts, whoever may be responsible, cannot fail to have an injurious effect. I think the new Degree work gives general satisfaction, and is likely to lead to increased interest in the Degrees. One or two more Lodges would have been instituted in the latter part of the year, but for the change in the Ritual. I hope to be able to report them, and more, in our next return."

The returns of the four Encampments received from Bro. ANDRE CUSHING, D. D. Grand Sire, report an aggregate membership of 173, a gain of 13 during the year.

MAINE.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received January 28th, from Bro. JOSHUA DAVIS, Grand Secretary, with the following:

"I think an examination of the report will prove that Odd Fellowship in our jurisdiction is placed upon a solid foundation, and is steadily increasing in strength and usefulness. Since the settlement by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Belfast difficulty, Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction is pushing rapidly ahead. Never has it been in so flourishing a condition as at the present time. Many new Lodges are being instituted in the eastern portion of our State, and our old Lodges are nearly all doing a large work. We shall show a large increase for the year, and it will be largely due to the wise legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in sustaining our Grand Lodge in their action in the Belfast matter."

The return shows 71 Lodges, 10,327 members, a gain of 584; receipts, $74,488.88; relief, $30,519.71; current expenses, separate from benefits and charities, $20,909.41; invested funds, $248,802.28.

Bro. DAVIS furnishes the following "abstract of statistics relating to benefits paid by Subordinate Lodges and reported to the Grand Lodge of Maine for the year ending December 31, 1880:"

Age.	Number of Members.	Weeks' Benefits Paid.	Average.	Age.	Number of Members.	Weeks' Benefits Paid.	Average.
21 to 25	59	335	5.40	56 to 60	50	696	13.46
26 to 30	138	864	6.36	61 to 65	28	564	20.00
31 to 35	123	1,074	8.90	66 to 70	16	430	26.14
36 to 40	107	691	6.49	71 to 75	13	429	33.00
41 to 45	111	931	8.43	76 to 80	8	261	32.05
46 to 50	105	907	8.67	81 to 85	5	191	38.01
51 to 55	64	628	9.52				
				Total .	827	8,001	

The Grand Encampment report was received March 3d, from Bro. N. G. CUMMINGS, Grand Scribe, who wrote:

"We have instituted 2 Subordinates and made a small gain (80) in membership."

MANITOBA, CANADA.—The reports of Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, Portage Lodge, No. 3, and Gateway City Lodge, No. 4, were received, and exhibit an aggregate of 123 members, a gain of 84 members in the Province. No special advice has been received from Bro. GEORGE ANDREW, D. D. Grand Sire, and Harmony Encampment, No. 1, has failed to report.

MARYLAND.—The reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received on the 22d of February, from Bro. JOHN M. JONES, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who advised:

"You will perceive that the usual amount of relief has been granted. I regret that I cannot report an increase in the membership. It is to be hoped that the new work will create renewed interest, and judging from present appearances I am led to believe that it will."

A loss of 311 in the Lodge, and 208 in the Encampment branch of the Order is shown in the returns.

MASSACHUSETTS.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received March 26, from Bro. CHARLES D. COLE, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"For many years I have had the pleasure of reporting an annual gain in Lodges, Encampments and membership in this jurisdiction, and this year I am enabled to show a handsome increase. We have made a gain of one Lodge, now numbering 156, and they are all flourishing. We have 24,965 members, being a net gain during the past year of 1,096; have paid $48,077.64 for 12,236 weekly benefits to 1,942 brothers; $10,193.35 for the burial of 239 members; $4,970.98 for the relief of 497 widowed families, and $3,826.24 for special relief. Total receipts, $211,751.30. We have the very best prospects for our future growth and usefulness.

"There has been a net gain in Encampment membership of 124. The relief amounts to $8,055.68; receipts, $28,585.93. The prospects for an increase in membership this year are very flattering."

MICHIGAN.—The Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment reports were received April 23d, from Bro. E. H. WHITNEY, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who wrote:

"The reports will tell you that our laborers have been faithful, and the harvest abundant; our field is enlarged and our force increased by the addition of 12 new and strong Lodges and 779 active, faithful brothers, while our revenues have increased correspondingly. We rejoice at this record of our State, and are glad to know that our sister jurisdictions are also advancing by our side all engaged in the good works of our Order.

"The Encampment branch is to-day on a sounder financial basis than for many years past. We now know we are free from embarrassment by debt and feel assured of a grand record during the current year."

The Encampment report exhibits a loss of 116 members.

MINNESOTA.—On the 11th of May the report of the Grand Encampment, exhibiting a gain of 74 members, was received from Bro. J. FLETCHER WILLIAMS, Grand Scribe, who advised:

"Our Encampments are nearly all doing well, but we have made the error of instituting some in towns too small to properly support them."

The report of the Grand Lodge, showing a gain of 510 members, was received May 14th, from Bro. SHERWOOD HOUGH, Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment came to hand June 20th, from Bro. JAMES T. MCCOWN, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, without special advice, but we note a loss of 192 in the Lodge, and a gain of 29 in the Encampment membership.

MISSOURI.—The report of the Grand Encampment was received May 30th, from Bro. C. C. ARCHER, Grand Scribe, with the following:

"You will see that we have made a small increase (71) in membership during the year. The reports from Subordinates for the term ending March 31, 1881, now being received, show that notwithstanding the adverse circumstances under which they have labored, caused by the long delay in receiving the new Rituals, there is still some life left in the Patriarchal branch of the Order in Missouri, and the indications are that the next report from this jurisdiction will show a considerable increase in membership."

On the 22d of July, Bro. ARCHER advised:

"Since my last letter one new Encampment has been instituted and a Warrant issued for another, which will probably be organized this month. From information thus far received, I do not think the revised Ritual of Encampment Degrees has had the effect anticipated, viz.: an increased interest in that branch of the Order. The work, especially in the Patriarchal and Golden Rule Degrees, does not meet with that hearty approval that was expected; however, it may appear better as it grows older."

With the Grand Lodge report, received June 10th, Bro. E. M. SLOAN, Grand Secretary, wrote:

"You will see that this jurisdiction is giving a good account. Our Order is not only prosperous financially, but has grown rapidly in membership, having increased 1,100, a much greater gain in numbers than for many years past. The new work gave Odd Fellowship in this State an impetus which will send it ringing down the coming decade loaded with blessings to those now members, as well as many who will become participants with us in the grand work of extending the influence of what, we sincerely believe, is the noblest humanitarian institution in existence. The field widens and extends before us, and invites our energy to keep pace with the full measure of duty."

MONTANA.—The Grand Lodge report, exhibiting a gain of 71 members, was received May 17th, from Bro. JACOB LOEB, Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.—On the 14th of May the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received from Bro. D. A. CLINE, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"Taking all in all, the Order in Nebraska is successfully pursuing its way. Its numerical growth is curtailed somewhat by a competition or diversion of the public mind towards the many societies with similar objects and modified methods, establishing themselves everywhere. Their busy agents call attention to their merits and recruit at so much a head. The fictions of their co-operative plans appeal very strongly to the gambling spirit of the age, inspiring a hope that something may easily be had for nothing—a hundred for one, or a thousand for ten. A little thought and comparison generally disabuse the mind, and determine the principle upon which Odd Fellowship is founded to be unique and legitimate, giving more for the same money than can be got elsewhere, and during a man's life-time, when it is most needed. Many Lodges in this State are laying the foundations of their own Lodge rooms and halls, believing it to be a truth that '*They* must build to the ground who would build for aye.' There has not been sufficient time yet in which to make out a verdict on the merits of the revised work, but if it serves to make a good impression upon the mind of the novitiate it will be what was wanted."

The reports exhibit a gain of 485 in the Lodge, and 66 in the Encampment membership.

NEVADA.—The Grand Lodge report exhibiting a loss of 79, and the Grand Encampment report a loss of 26 members, were received March 17th, from Bro. WILLIAM H. HILL, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Bro. JOSEPH KIDDER, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, received July 11th, advised:

"Financially the year was a hard one for the people of this State. Many branches of business were greatly prostrated, and the mechanic and common

laborer found the question of subsistence a problem of far greater magnitude than they had been accustomed to deal with in a practical manner. With little work and low wages, the prospect was by no means flattering to the man without means and with a family on his hands to support, yet our people struggled through it, stimulated towards its close with the earnest hope that the new year would bring an improved condition of things. The hope was not fallacious, and the many devout prayers for better times seemed to find gracious answers. During the year 1880, many institutions suffered losses in our midst; but Odd Fellowship kept on the even tenor of its way. We made about our usual increase in the Lodges, Encampments and Rebekah Degree Lodges. Our Order in New Hampshire has by no means yet reached its maximum of membership. We confidently expect to approximate one hundred Lodges, with one-eighth of our voting population in membership. For this we are striving zealously, at the same time exercising a watchful care over the character of every man who seeks admission to our Fraternity. To day, on the whole, eight thousand better men cannot be found in the State, nor is it our purpose in the future to lower our standard."

The reports show a gain of 285 in Lodge, and 33 in Encampment membership.

NEW JERSEY.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received May 27th, from Bro. LEWIS PARKER, Jr., Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"Our Order is advancing steadily and permanently in this jurisdiction. It is commending itself to popular favor, and is taking hold of the sympathies of the people. The membership is growing and our benevolent operations are extending. From all parts of the State we are cheered with the gratifying intelligence that large numbers of young and energetic men are identifying themselves with us, and we have an earnest that our future prosperity is assured."

The reports exhibit a gain of 406 in Lodge, and 9 in Encampment membership.

NEW MEXICO.—During the recess San Vicente Lodge, No. 5, was instituted at Silver City, under favorable circumstances, and promises to be successful. The reports of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, Las Vegas, No. 4, and Centennial Encampment, No. 3, were received from Bro. JOHN RITTER, D. D. Grand Sire. The two Lodges report their membership 89, an increase of 25 during the year; the Encampment has lost 4, having now only 12 members. Bro. RITTER advised:

"The Order here is progressing slowly. Bro. WILLIAMS, from Silver City, writes that he has good hopes of the Order at that place, and from what I can understand, there are good prospects for two or more Lodges before the expiration of this year. At Albuquerque and Socorro the subject is being canvassed by some brothers whom I do not know, but I hope to soon make their acquaintance. I regret that my employment does not permit me to travel through the country and attend to the progress of the Order; therefore I solicit the appointment of some brother in my place, whose business will permit him to visit the Lodges in this jurisdiction, which will certainly tend to the progress and welfare of the Order in this Territory."

NEW YORK.—At a late day, August 9th, the report of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a gain of 537 members, was received from Bro. C. V. CLARK, Grand Secretary. The report of the Grand Encampment, at the time of going to press with this form, had not been received.

NORTH CAROLINA.—The Grand Encampment report was received May 10th, from Bro. RICHARD J. JONES, Grand Scribe. There is no change in the number of members.

The report of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a loss of 27 members, was received May 30th, from Bro. J. J. LITCHFORD, Grand Secretary, with the following:

"While it is observable that we have lost in Lodges, and as a consequence, in membership, yet the report shows an increase in amount of receipts and payments for relief. The Order in this State is unquestionably in a more healthy condition than it has been for some time. We have adopted a policy of winnowing out the *dormant* and lifeless Lodges, which have been dead weights, and shall continue the practice until we have remaining a live and energetic lot of working members and Lodges. We enter upon the new year, I believe, with brighter prospects than have for some time encouraged us. With the new (and I think much improved) work, I confidently look forward to brighter days for our noble Order in this jurisdiction."

OHIO.—The returns of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a gain of 2,507, were received March 25th, from Bro. WILLIAM CHIDSEY, Grand Secretary, with the following:

"You will notice the report shows a large increase of members over and above the net increase from admissions, etc., which I attribute to errors in former reports. This may have grown out of the confusion into which permanent Secretaries were thrown by the 'dormant law,' but in whatever way it occurred, I am well assured, after a thorough analysis of the reports of Subordinate Lodges, that the present actual membership is correctly stated in the report. I am gratified at being able to say, in this connection, that the members of the Order in this jurisdiction are, as a general thing, taking more interest in the advancement and welfare of their Lodges, and I hope and expect to be able to show, in my next Annual Report, a large and healthy increase."

The report of the Grand Encampment came to hand May 18th, from Bro. JAMES ANDERTON, Grand Scribe, who wrote:

"You will perceive that we have improved our former reports, and I feel satisfied, could we have had the new Rituals in time, we would have shown a gain, instead of reporting a loss of 103 members. I have very encouraging information from various portions of the State. At the late session of the Grand Encampment we granted two charters and restored one."

ONTARIO, CANADA.—On the 27th of June the report of the Grand Encampment was received from Bro. M. D. DAWSON, Grand Scribe, who advised:

"We show a slight increase (152) in membership over the preceding year, and I think this year will show further improvement, although I am sorry to say that one of our Encampments in Ontario has resigned its charter. The new work, in some localities, appears to have infused some life into the Encampment branch; but the additional expense, necessarily incurred, in weak tents I am afraid will result disastrously. I cannot say that the change in the Patriarchal work is an improvement. My opinion is that it was a retrograde movement. However, I trust I may be mistaken."

The report of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a gain of 43 members, was received July 27th, from Bro. J. B. KING, Grand Secretary, who wrote:

"We have had a very successful year, all things considered; though the report sent herewith does not show it as clearly as I could wish. The year ending December 31st, 1879, we lost 163 in membership; year ending 31st December, 1880, we show a gain of 43—not many, it is true, but enough to show that the reaction has set in, the loss of last year stopped, and the march onward resumed. The reports for the current half year, I am confident, will show a decided increase, numerically, financially and socially; the latter evidenced by the frequent fraternal interchange of visits both of Lodges and members. The Lodges of instruction held throughout Ontario have, without doubt, been a great source of benefit, having been in every case well attended and great interest manifested. Lodges and members were brought into contact, and the mode of teaching the new work has obliged the members to become acquainted with each other and kindled a fraternal feeling in the breasts of all, so necessary for the proper conducting of a work

like ours, and I feel assured it will result in great good, which will be felt for years to come.

"The new work has been thoroughly taught, and I believe, in the main, appreciated, though there are some who do not approve of many of the changes. I suppose there would be greater surprise if such was not the case in a Society as vast as ours now is."

OREGON.—The report of the Grand Encampment was received June 30th, and the Grand Lodge July 2d, from Bro. J. M. BACON, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. No special advice accompanied the returns, but an increase of 128 in the Lodge, and 6 in the Encampment membership is noted.

PENNSYLVANIA.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received on the 9th of June, from Bro. JAMES B. NICHOLSON, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. The reports show a gain of 107 in the Lodge, and a loss of 190 in the Encampment membership. The following is from the report of the Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"At your last Communication there was reported a loss of 3,739 members. This year, instead of reporting any loss, shows a gain of 107 in the membership; and yet the indications last year were hopeful. How much more so are the signs of to-day? With a revived interest in the work of the Order, and with proper efforts to induce the young men that are coming upon the stage of action to unite with the Order, and have its moral safeguards thrown around them, the benign mission of Odd Fellowship will be advanced, and its continued progress will be a blessing not only to those who gather in the Lodge-room, but to the world at large."

QUEBEC, CANADA.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received February 4th, from Bro. E. J. FISH, Grand Secretary, with the following:

"You will see that the Order is in a very satisfactory condition. During the year 1879 two new Lodges were instituted with good prospects before them, and arrangements are being made to organize another in a very flourishing town not far from this city. We show an increase, since last report, of 109 members. Altogether, we have much reason to be thankful for the present condition of the Order. It seems that the people in this Province are just awakening to a knowledge of the existence of this grand and beloved institution of ours. As you are aware, the Order is in its infancy in this Province; still we have amongst us some very zealous and earnest workers, and without doubt we shall steadily increase our numbers, and it is only a question of time, in my opinion, when the Grand Lodge of Quebec will become one of the strongest and most important jurisdictions."

Montreal Encampment, No. 1, reports to the Grand Encampment of Ontario.

RHODE ISLAND.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received February 3d, from Bro. JOHN F. DRISCOL, Grand Secretary. No special information accompanied it, but we note a loss of 174 members.

The report of the Grand Encampment came to hand March 4th, with the following from Bro. LINDSAY ANDERSON, Grand Scribe:

"I regret that we show a decrease of 64 members since last report; but I think, with good reason, that the present year will exhibit an increase in our membership, as there are many symptoms of revival."

SOUTH CAROLINA.—The Grand Lodge report was received March 28th, from Bro. F. DEMARS, Grand Secretary, who wrote:

"You will see that we have made an actual increase of 39 in membership, and have added 1 to the number of Lodges."

The report of the Grand Encampment was received August 12th, from Bro. ROBERT C. STARR, Grand Scribe. This is the first report from this Body in five years, and gives the number of Encampments, 3; members, June 30th, 1881, 27; a loss of 231 since their last report to December 31st, 1875. The brethren express a hope that they will be able to sustain the Grand Encampment and infuse new life into the Subordinates.

TENNESSEE.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received April 5th, from Bro. J. R. HARWELL, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who advised as follows:

"You will observe a small increase (224) in the membership of the Lodges, and the outlook, I am happy to state, is more hopeful in this jurisdiction. It is the first time in six years we have been able to show an increase. Our Encampments also exhibit a slight gain (26) in membership, but this branch is, generally, much depressed."

TEXAS.—The Grand Encampment report was received March 19th, from Bro. L. F. DELESDERNIER, Grand Scribe. A gain of 53 members is noted.

The Grand Lodge report, exhibiting a gain of 253 members, was received May 28th, from Bro. T. L. WREN, Grand Secretary.

UTAH.—The Grand Lodge report was received May 16th, from Bro. E. M. BARNUM, Grand Secretary, who wrote:

"The Order was never more harmonious and prosperous in Utah than it is at the present time. It has in the past two years got rid of sundry old barnacles and lopped off decaying branches, so that the continuing limbs are more healthy and assume more symmetrical proportions."

A gain of 2 members is reported.

Oquirrh Encampment, No. 1, is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of California.

VERMONT.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received February 4th, from Bro. H. L. STILLSON, Grand Secretary.

A net gain of 155 members is reported.

The report of the Grand Encampment, transmitted by Bro. H. C. KINNEY, Grand Scribe, showing a net gain of 23 for the two years, 1879 and 1880, was received March 1st.

VIRGINIA.—On the 4th of April the report of the Grand Lodge was received from Bro. T. WILEY DAVIS, Grand Secretary, with the following:

"I take pleasure in forwarding the annual report from this jurisdiction for the past year. We had fondly hoped we should be able to report a considerable increase in membership, but have made a net gain of only 22. Our failure to accomplish more is still due to the hindering cause mentioned in former reports, viz.: cheap insurance in other organizations. The Widows' and Orphans' Relief Association, mentioned in last annual report, has been placed upon a surer and better footing during the past year, as the Grand Lodges of North Carolina and West Virginia have united in the enterprise, and we hope for better results the present year. The receipts of our Subordinate Lodges are ten per cent., and the amount expended for relief is nearly twenty per cent. more than in the year 1879, showing that more than one-half of the money collected is used in relieving the wants of the sick and distressed, and proving that we are not unmindful of the teachings of Odd Fellowship."

The report of the Grand Encampment, exhibiting a loss of 7 members, was received May 11th, from Bro. A. T. BURR, Grand Scribe, who advised:

"The report is anything but satisfactory to me; but the indications now are that the present year will be more prosperous."

WASHINGTON.—On the 10th of June the report of the Grand Lodge, showing a gain of 58 members, was received from Bro. JOHN M. SWAN, Grand Secretary, with the following:

"We have instituted three new Lodges since the 1st of January, and information from all our Lodges since the beginning of the current year indicate a more rapid increase of membership than at any former period. Altogether, the Order is prospering and meeting with as much success as could be expected in a country so sparsely settled as this is." In letter dated July 26th Bro. SWAN wrote: "Our beloved Order has prospered materially during the last term, as we have 3 new lodges, and an increase of 127 members, with 4 Lodges yet to report. Increase for the two years, December 31st, 1878, to December 31st, 1880, 121. Our gain for the past six months will be much in excess of the two years preceding. We are onward and upward."

Alpha Encampment, No. 1, and Unity, No. 2, report to the Grand Encampment of Oregon. During the year Walla Walla Encampment, No. 3, has been instituted, and placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Oregon. A Warrant has been issued for Washington Encampment, No. 4, at Port Gamble, and the papers sent to Bro. HENRY G. STRUVE, D. D. Grand Sire, who recently advised that, on account of the delay in receiving the outfit, the Encampment will not be instituted until about the 1st of September.

WEST VIRGINIA.—On the 24th of February the report of the Grand Lodge was received from Bro. THOMAS G. STEELE, Grand Secretary, with the following:

"It is encouraging that we add 1 Lodge and 75 members to our thinned ranks, and were it not for the trouble of strikes in the mining districts, the increase would have been larger. We feel very much encouraged to put forth renewed efforts in carrying out the great fundamental principles of our Order—'The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.' I am very grateful that I am permitted to make another report of this jurisdiction (the child of my brother), and it is with pride I inform you that we kept the faith, and by precept and example placed Odd Fellowship in the front rank of benevolent institutions."

The Grand Encampment report, showing a loss of 33 members, was received April 5th, from Bro. H. A. UTHMAN, Grand Scribe, who wrote:

"You will see that we have lost some members during the year; but as the revised work is now in operation we hope that more interest will be taken in this branch of the Order. The Encampments were compelled to lie dormant nearly three months, but now we hope the Patriarchs will buckle on the armor and go to work in earnest."

WISCONSIN.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received April 25th, from Bro. L. B. HILLS, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, without any special remarks on the situation; but an examination of the reports shows a gain of 334 in the Lodge, and a loss of 61 in the Encampment membership.

WYOMING.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received June 24th, from Bro. LOUIS MILLER, Grand Secretary, with the following:

"The Order is doing well in this Territory; we have now 10 Lodges, and expect to organize another, very soon, at Cummins City. Our membership during the year 1880 was increased to 405, a net gain of 70; and so far, this year, we are rapidly adding to the roll."

The reports from Wyoming Encampment, No. 1, and Hope Encampment, No. 2, represent a membership of 60, a gain of 7 during the year. Harmony Encampment, No. 3, was instituted July 9th at Fort Laramie. Bro. JOHN A. FISCHER, D. D. Grand Sire, on 22d of July, advised:

"Wyoming and Hope Encampments are getting along well. I was glad to receive such a favorable report from Bro. KUYKENDALL, of the condition of No. 2; they have done better than No. 1. Bro. KUYKENDALL, on the 11th, wrote that for some time past there has been no trouble in No. 2 about getting a quorum; have admitted during the past term 7 members. The Encampment is in good condition and will remain so, and everything indicates that there is renewed interest in the work. In No. 1 we are doing well; admitted last term 3; dropped 2, leaving our membership 39. Our finances, considering the donations we have had to make, from time to time, to a Patriarch who is blind, are in good condition, and everything points to a prosperous term."

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence with our brethren in Germany has been slightly interrupted by reason of the difficulties that occurred in that jurisdiction; dissensions which it is believed have been satisfactorily settled. With Chile and Peru regular correspondence has been impossible; but with Australasia,

Barbados, Netherlands, the Sandwich Islands and Switzerland, we have had frequent communication. The following brief abstract is respectfully submitted:

AUSTRALASIA.—The letters received are from Bro. WILLIAM JUDGE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Australasia and the Grand Lodge of Victoria, dated September 29th, 1880, May 16th and June 13th, 1881; WILLIAM REID, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, November 24th, 1880, February 28th and April 16th, 1881; WILLIAM STIRLING, Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of Australasia, January 12th, 1881.

From the letters of Bro. JUDGE I quote as follows.

"*September, 29th*, 1880.—Odd Fellowship, I am glad to say, is still advancing in Australasia. The Grand Lodge of Victoria, since my last communication, has issued Warrants for two new Lodges in Queensland. A Warrant has also been granted for an Encampment in that Colony. In Victoria we are making good progress; we have not opened any new Lodges lately, but are increasing the membership in the present Lodges. In Melbourne, for the quarter ending June, we added, in round numbers, about 400. Last evening I assisted at the initiation of 11 members in Abbottsford Lodge and heard propositions read for 7 more. This Lodge was instituted by Grand Sire HARMON, when here, and he will be pleased to learn that the Lodge now numbers 200 members. I may also mention Columbia Lodge, which has admitted 70 members since the meeting of the Grand Lodge in February. The Lodges in New South Wales have applied for a Grand Lodge, which will be instituted 26th of October. The Body will commence with 16 Lodges and a membership of about 1,100. The Grand Lodge of Victoria will, as per agreement, pay to the Grand Lodge of New South Wales about £500.00 ($2,500.00) received on account of the Funeral Fund. The Grand Lodge of South Australia met in annual session on the 18th and 19th of August. From the Grand Master's report I find they have made excellent progress for the year, and have good prospects for the advancement of the Order in that Colony."

"*May 16th*, 1881.—I forwarded the last Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, in which you will find the Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Victoria and the Grand Lodge of Australasia. I trust that at the next triennial session we shall have a thoroughly Representative meeting, as we anticipate being in a position to pay the Representatives from each Colony. An Encampment will soon be opened in Adelaide, also one in Colac. They would have been organized before this had there been no change in the work. Knowing that the Ritual had been revised, they deferred the opening until the new work could be had."

"*June 13th*, 1881.—The Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of Australasia has directed that the new work shall go into operation with as little delay as possible. I have written to each Grand Lodge in this jurisdiction, requesting that a qualified brother be sent to Melbourne to receive instruction in the revised work. It will be necessary to send more books, as there are, in round numbers, about 110 Lodges in this jurisdiction, viz.: Victoria 50, South Australia 20, New South Wales 20, New Zealand 20. We shall also require some to meet the demands of new Lodges."

From the letters of Bro. REID I extract the following:

"*November 24th*, 1880.—A brother of our Order, from America, some months ago met with a severe accident, which obliged him to remain in the hospital ever since. His Lodge sent him a draft on a bank in Maryland, which he found some difficulty in cashing, even at a heavy rate of exchange. As we wanted to remit money to you we bought it at par, and I herewith enclose it. Kindly place it to our credit and send receipt in duplicate. Our Order is still making fair progress, considering the depression existing in the Colony, the result of our borrowed millions and a forced system of immigration. A new Order has sprung up lately, which by the inducements of low rates of contribution, and a not too careful selection of members, is making

great inroads into the membership of other societies. We know they are built upon a foundation that cannot stand, and are quietly biding the time when our sound scale of contributions, and our general system of finance, will bring us well to the front. Recent investigation of the affairs of the M. U., I. O. O. F. by the Government values, shows most of the Lodges here to be insolvent. In contrast with this, two of our Lodges, by the same valuation, had considerable surplus, and the third, which we had valued simply because we believed it insolvent and did not want another Lodge to amalgamate with it, was found to be solvent. With the next quinquennial valuation we hope to contrast favorably with the other Orders. If our anticipations are fulfilled, we shall doubtless receive considerable impetus."

February 28th, 1881.—This letter refers entirely to business matters.

"*April 16th*, 1881.—I have the honor to convey the following resolution, passed at the last session of our Grand Lodge by the unanimous voice of the members:

"'*Resolved*, That the members of the Executive and this Grand Lodge, assembled in the nineteenth annual session, desire to convey to Bro. JAMES L. RIDGELY their love and respect and their heartfelt sympathy with him in his illness.'

"I sincerely hope that you have now recovered from the illness which, we were grieved to learn from Bro. Ross, had so long prostrated you.

"You will be glad to learn that we are still progressing in the good work in New Zealand. New districts are being added, and, although our membership has suffered through the extreme depression which has so long pervaded the Colony, we are still making substantial progress."

Bro. WILLIAM STIRLING, Grand Sire, in letter dated Winchelsea, January 14th, 1881, wrote:

"Your letter of November 5th duly received. The alteration in the work seems to have been a sweeping one to make it necessary to reprint the entire Ritual of the Order. I will endeavor to have your instructions carried out with respect to the destruction of the old work, but I expect some of our members will object to the expense of procuring new books. However, we shall overcome that. Since Bro. HARMON was here we have made great progress in the Order, the membership in Australia being nearly doubled, and we have had to perform the pleasant duty of opening two Grand Lodges since I have been Grand Sire; one in the city of Adelaide, South Australia, with a membership of about 1,500; the other in the city of Sydney, New South Wales, with a membership of about 1,400. We have also 6 Lodges in the Colony of Queensland, and on the Island of Tasmania 2 Lodges. I have no report from the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, but learn that they are progressing satisfactorily. The Order generally in Australasia is in a splendid condition, the funds as well as membership steadily increasing."

The quarterly reports of the Standing Committee of the Grand Lodge of Victoria have been regularly received, and in addition we have the "Proceedings of the Twenty-seventh Annual Communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Victoria, held at Echuca, on 15th, 16th and 17th of February, 1881." In this volume of 98 pages there is much of interest to the Order, and the reception of the Grand Lodge at Echuca, at midnight, with a full gathering of the members, band, etc., is so much like the proceedings of Lodges in the United States on similar occasions, that the fact seems worthy of mention. Pages 65 to 67 inclusive of this volume are devoted to the record of the "Twelfth Annual Session of the Grand Encampment of Victoria, held at Echuca, February 15th, 1881," while on pages 68 to 72 we find the record of the "First Triennial Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Australasia, held at the I. O. O. F. Hall, Russell Street, Melboure, Monday, February 21st, 1881." These proceedings are much like the printed record of the earlier years of the Grand Lodge of the United States. We read that the Grand Lodge of Victoria was present by four Representatives; New South Wales one; South Australia two, and the Grand Encampment of Victoria one; total

eight members. Sundry exeuses for absence (including New Zealand) were received. The Grand Sire reported that "five Grand Bodies are working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Australasia, having a total membership of 8,000. He also thought, from the progress the Order was making in Queensland, that an application for a Grand Lodge in that Colony would be made ere long." The subjeet of the new work received considerable attention, and it was "*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Sire be empowered to take what steps he deems most expedient in disseminating the new work." The following was unanimously adopted: "That each Grand Lodge and Grand Eneampment working under the control of the Grand Lodge of Australasia shall pay a 'Capitation Tax' of one penny per annum for eaeh financial member in their respective jurisdictions as shown by their annual returns to the Grand Seeretary, in accordance with Artiele 19 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Australasia." The Grand Seeretary was instructed to prepare suitable forms for Annual Reports of Grand Bodies.

Bro. M. KIDSTON, D. Grand Sire, was elected M. W. Grand Sire; Bro. WILLIAM GANE, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire; WILLIAM JUDGE, R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary; T. W. WRIGHT, R. W. Grand Treasurer. The following were appointed: FREDERICK BATCHELDOR, R. W. Grand Chaplain; THOMAS HEARN, R. W. Grand Marshal; H. H. GREENE, R. W. Grand Guardian; A. J. LAVER, R. W. Grand Messenger. An application for an Eneampment at Adelaide, South Australia was granted, and attaehed to the Grand Encampment of Victoria. It was "*Resolved*, That the next meeting of the Grand Lodge be held in the Colony of Vietoria, at sueh plaee as the M. W. Grand Sire may determine."

The next session of the Grand Lodge of Vietoria will be held at Ballarat, on the third Tuesday of February, 1882.

BARBADOS.—Bro. ARCHIBALD BAYNE, D. D. Grand Sire, on the 25th of January advised:

"I regret very much that the Sovereign Grand Lodge has so far overlooked us and others as to eause the dissatisfaetion so very evident, as I, for one, would be very sorry to see the Order die here. I would urge that something be done *soon as possible*. I expect to be able to extend the Order to Trinidad. Will the Sovereign Grand Lodge extend my power? With regard to the Constitution of Americus Lodge I took it for granted that everything was correet, as it was framed aeeording to the Constitution of Star of Bethlehem Lodge, Philadelphia."

The remainder of the above letter, as well as the letters of the D. D. Grand Sire, dated May 9th and June 23d, refers to matters that I deem it inadvisable to publish.

Letters have been reeeived from Bro. E. ISAAC BAEZA, dated November 1st and Deeember 11th, 1880; January 18th, April 27th, June 10th and July 29th, 1881, which will be found of great interest, but on account of their length and the special topies diseussed, it is deemed inexpedient to print them in this report.

The first report from Americus Lodge, No. 1, is not eneouraging. From the time of institution, November 4th, 1879, to December 31st, 1880, it appears 31 members have been admitted, 3 have withdrawn, 7 have been suspended for non-payment of dues, leaving only 21 members in good standing. In transmitting the report, Bro. BAEZA wrote:

"The Lodge is now preparing a petition to the Sovereign Grand Lodge respecting the color question, and payment of dues by Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdietion of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. If I go to the United States I will bring them; otherwise they will be sent in time for the meeting. I inelose return of Americus Lodge; the tax is not sent, as the Lodge will await the result of the petition referred to above. I hope that something will be done about the color question, as I fear that if not, Americus Lodge will not exist much longer; out of 40 members initiated only 16 attend the Lodge through this matter."

CHILE.—The letters received are from ROBERT MOSER, Grand Secretary, dated September 18th and December 30th, 1880; February 26th and May 25th, 1881, from which I quote as follows:

"Our annual session came to a close September 8th, 1880, and did not go off as smoothly as desired, owing to the everlasting Cox affair and Leavenworth Lodge troubles. To fill the measure, Chile Lodge, No. 9, surrendered its charter during the session of the Grand Lodge, having before presented its funds to Andes Lodge, which some of the members of Chile Lodge had joined. The Grand Lodge resolved that the few members had no right to dispose of the funds in that way, and ordered the money placed in the hands of the Grand Treasurer until further information could be obtained from the Grand Sire. The Grand Lodge was willing to vote the funds to Andes Lodge, and a motion was made to that effect, but the Representative from Andes Lodge would not accept the amount as a donation, maintaining that Chile Lodge had a right to do with the funds as it pleased, the amount having been obtained for the benefit of the Order."

"Regarding the expulsion of W. J. Cox from the Order, which had been declared illegal by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Chile amended the resolution to read as follows: '*Resolved*, That W. J. Cox, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of this Grand Lodge, be and hereby is expelled from this Grand Lodge for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, to wit: He has, by his own confession, 'appropriated the funds of this Grand Lodge to his own use, and has failed to appear when summoned to do so by this Grand Lodge, to give an account of the same, this Grand Lodge losing by his dishonesty some hundreds of dollars.' The Lodge to which he belonged is not in existence, and as he does not hold a withdrawal card it is hoped that this vexed question is definitely settled. Initiations are again increasing slowly. The relief paid by the few existing Lodges amounted to $3,989.62. Our membership has been reduced to 287. I hope that as soon as this lamentable war is over, the Order will revive and flourish as heretofore."

"*December 30th*, 1880.—I am glad to inform you that GEORGE BROWN, P. G. M. and P. D. D. Grand Sire, has joined Pacific Lodge, No. 2, by card. Affairs do not look much brighter yet, but we are holding our own."

"*February 26th*, 1881.—We shall have to wait for better times, as the political excitement and war news keep the people generally, including most of our members, in a feverish condition, little suited to the calm, methodical and quiet work of the Lodge-room. However, I trust that in the course of six months there will be some improvement and our beloved Order will put forth new branches, as the trunk is still sound and vigorous."

"*May 25th*, 1881.—Our few existing Lodges are doing quite well, and in the English and German Lodges there have been a number of initiations. We hope to soon establish a Lodge at Tattal, and one at Constitution. We are in the midst of great political excitement, as a new President is to be elected next month. It appears that a Lodge of Odd Fellows is at work at Callao, Peru, as one of our members, master of a Chilian vessel, wrote to me for a traveling card to enable him to visit the Lodge at Callao." Bro. MOSER requested some Charge and Degree Books in the Spanish language; but as the new Rituals have not been translated and printed in that language, I was unable to comply with his request. The Annual Report of the Grand Lodge of Chile exhibits 5 Lodges and 266 members, December 31st, 1880, a loss of 67 members during the year.

DENMARK.—A letter from L. SIMMONSEN, V. G. of Denmark Lodge, No. 1, dated November 22d, 1880, requested a dismissal certificate for PETER HANSEN, formerly of Georgetown, Colorado, who desired to join Denmark Lodge. The card was applied for and forwarded. Bro. SIMMONSEN wrote: "Our Lodge is doing well, but I am sorry to say that some of our brethren are desirous of dividing our few members and creating several small, weak Lodges, instead of concentrating our strength in one good one. The senti-

ment, 'united we stand, divided we fall,' does not appear to be appreciated by some of our members. Several matters have operated against us. The Lodge voted first to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, but we were transferred to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire; then we were working with obligation benefits, but the Grand Lodge of the German Empire prohibited that, and on account of these matters many brethren left the Lodge. Now there seems to be some trouble because the two existing Lodges voted against the establishment of Lodge No. 3. However, trusting in God, we will continue to work for the best interests of our dear Order."

A letter dated February 1st, 1881, signed by H. M. HARWIG, N. G., and L. SIMMONSEN, V. G. of Denmark Lodge, No. 1, indicates a desire to be restored to the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and asks: "Which will be the proper and lawful way to proceed for obtaining this object?" The desired information was furnished, but nothing further has been heard from the brethren on this subject

As reported last year (Journal, 8240), Scandinavia Lodge, No. 2, was instituted at Copenhagen by the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and in the "Herz und Hand," Berlin, March 1st, 1881, we read that "Nordstern Lodge, No. 3, was regularly instituted on the 10th of February, by Bro. RATH, P. G., Special Deputy. The members of the Lodge, 32 in number, as well as many brethren of Lodges 1 and 2, were present. Several candidates were initiated, and after the Lodge was closed an entertainment was given at the Hotel d'Angleterre, which the members of the Lodge, visiting brethren, and their families, in all about 86 persons, attended. Short addresses were made, songs sung and an enjoyable evening was passed."

GERMANY.—ALBERT ROTH, M. W. Grand Sire, on the 8th of December, 1880, transmitted a printed circular, reciting that on account of the attitude of the Grand Lodge of Brandenburg he had felt it necessary to take the Lodges in the district under his charge and suspend the Grand Lodge of Brandenburg, "until the R. W. Grand Lodge of the German Empire at its next regular session shall determine further in reference thereto," and in a letter dated December 16th, 1880, he wrote: "I hereby announce to the Odd Fellows in Europe and America, that all the Berlin Lodges of our Order, except Humboldt Lodge, No. 6, have seceded from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire. I therefore notify all Odd Fellows not to communicate to these men the P. W's for the coming year, under any circumstances, nor to regard the same any longer as Odd Fellows, until they have submitted themselves to lawful authority." He also advised that "in consequence of the secession of his Lodge, Bro. MEYENDORF is not in good standing, and cannot officiate as Grand Secretary."

On the 14th of January a letter was received from Bro. EMIL ESCHLER, dated Dresden, December 27th, 1880, advising that he had been appointed Grand Secretary to fill the vacancy. The brother was informed that the "official" notification of his appointment had not been received. On the 12th of March a letter was received from Bro. ALBERT ROTH, Grand Sire, dated December 23d, 1880, stating: "in accordance with Article 10, Section 9, By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, I hereby appoint, from this time and until the conclusion of the term of office, R. W. Grand Representative EMIL ESCHLER, of Dresden, as the lawful Grand Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the German Empire."

On the 7th of February a lengthy document of 13 pages, closely written in German (27 pages of translation), was received from Bro. MEYENDORF, from which I extract the following relating to the Order in Denmark:

"That you have not received an answer to your letter of 26th of June, 1880, was not my fault. On account of the case of Scandinavia Lodge, a decision of the Grand Sire must absolutely ensue. Consequently I laid before him your letter of the 26th of June, 1880, requesting a speedy decision, in order that the matter might be settled at your regular session in September.

Regardless of the fact that a petition for a charter for Lodge No. 3, at Copenhagen, had been before him since last July, I have as yet received no answer. I have learned, privately, through other brothers, that Bro. ROTH agrees with me, that through the transfer of Denmark Lodge, No. 1, the entire territory of Denmark must also belong to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire; otherwise, embarrassing circumstances would occur in that country; but as yet no decision has been made."

The letter from this office of June 26th, 1880, above referred to, was the decision of Grand Sire HARMON, that the Grand Lodge of the German Empire had no authority to institute Lodges in Denmark. See Journal of 1880, pages 8215, 8240.

A letter from the Secretary of Goethe Lodge, No 15, Frankfort-on-the-Main, March 24th, 1881, and one from EMIL ESCHLER, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, April 25th, 1881, relating to the expulsion of a member of Leibnitz Lodge, No. 7, Hannover, requested the information communicated to the Lodges in America and Australasia. The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary did not feel authorized to issue circulars to the Lodges on the subject, or to officially promulgate the affair through the press.

Grand Secretary ESCHLER, in letter of June 16th, wrote:

"I will not disguise the fact that the work, so far as conferring degrees is concerned, does not meet our expectations. We expected something simple, in accordance with our German ideas, instead of being more ceremonious than the old work, and much like the Encampment work, which for this reason has not been popular with us."

In "Der Odd Fellow," Leipzig, July 24th, 1881, and in the "Herz und Hand," Berlin, July 15th, 1881, we find the following:

INDEPENDENT ORDER ODD FELLOWS.

OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION.

OFFICE OF THE
Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire,
Dresden, July 6th, 1881.

To all whom it may concern:

As the District of Brandenburg, by the retraction of its illegal resolutions, has again returned to a legal footing, I do not hesitate to revoke the suspension inflicted upon it December 8th, 1880, with all the consequences thereof.

In view of the fact, however, that a letter of June 8th, 1881, signed "F. M," was partly published on page 72, No. 8, of the "Odd Fellow Heim," as well as other communications in said paper, the principal of which is an official communication from the Grand Secretary of the District Grand Lodge of Brandenburg, who is also connected with the management of the newspaper referred to, in whose editorial committee (See No. 6, page 53, of the O. F. H.) are the Grand Master of the District and two other members, giving to the articles in said paper, in a certain degree, an official character, I am compelled to conclude that my presumptions that the conference at Leipzig would restore peace to the Order have not been insured by the District of Brandenburg, since it is easy to perceive from these publications (pages 72 and 74) that the purposes and propositions of the leaders are designed to injure Humboldt Lodge, No. 6. As my earnest request that the District Grand Lodge of Brandenburg restore Humboldt Lodge, No. 6, has not been favorably considered, I find myself compelled to adhere to my order of December 9th, 1880, the revoking of the suspension of this Lodge by the District Grand Lodge of Brandenburg, as this Lodge was the only one in Berlin that continued true to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire; and further to separate this Lodge from the District of Brandenburg in order to protect it from injury, and keep it as it has been since December 9th, 1880,

under my direct jurisdiction, until the Grand Lodge of the German Empire shall further determine.

In order to insure to the District of Brandenburg representation in the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, I find myself compelled to revoke the suspension of Farnsworth Encampment, No. 1, for contempt, and to restore this Encampment to its former rights. In F., L. and T.,

ALBERT ROTH, *Grand Sire.*

Attest:

EMIL ESCHLER, *Grand Secretary, pro tem.*

Bro. A. M. PAASCHE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Hannover, in letter dated July 26th, 1881, requests that his address be changed to "A. M. PAASCHE, Grand Secretary, Hildesheim, Province of Hannover, Germany."

In answer to a request for statistics of the Order in Germany, for the year 1880, Bro. EMIL ESCHLER, Grand Secretary, on the 29th of July, 1881, wrote:

"I regret very much that I am not able, at the present time, to execute your wishes, as on account of the tardiness of a District Grand Lodge and several Subordinates, I have not to this time received all the reports, and yet I am compelled to have my report prepared and printed in time for the session of the Grand Lodge on the 8th of August at Braunschweig. In consequence of the confusion for the last nine months, it will be impossible, at the present time, to present an accurate statistical report of the Order in Germany; therefore it will be better to omit such statistics from your report to the Sovereign Grand Lodge until next year, when it is to be hoped that matters will have changed to the advantage of the Order."

Sundry other letters of no special importance have been received.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Bro. CHARLES G. HILL, on the 2d of November, 1880, addressed a letter to this office on the subject of the regalia, etc., sent to Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 1, and Anglo-American Encampment, No. 1, London, and returned by Bro. HILL in 1879. His letter from Canada was duly answered, and sent to the address given by him, but was returned to this office. The communication of Bro. HILL, and a statement of the reception and disposition of the regalia, etc., are respectfully submitted. Attention is also called to the correspondence on this subject on pages 7963–4, Journal of 1879, and page 8241, Journal of 1880.

NETHERLANDS.—The reports of Paradise Lodge, No. 1, and Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 2, show the gratifying increase of 24 members during the year 1880, No. 1 having 68 and No. 2, 86 members. A Warrant has been issued for Prins Hendrik Lodge, No. 3, but the institution has been delayed. On account of the inability of the Past Grands to agree upon a suitable brother for the office of District Deputy Grand Sire, the Grand Sire was unable to make the appointment until January 21st 1881, when a commission was issued to Bro. MAURITS FRANK, P. G., who, it is believed, will prove a faithful and efficient officer.

Letters have been received from S. D. QUERIDO, Secretary of Paradise Lodge, No. 1, November 6th, December 27th and December 30th, 1880; January 24th, April 13th, May 23d and July 10th, 1881. MAURITS FRANK, D. D. Grand Sire, December 6th, 1880; January 1st, February 27th and March 9th, 1881. JACOB WIENER, P. G., March 4th, May 4th, May 20th and June 16th, 1881. H. D. BLITZ, P. G., December, 1880. A. L. VAN MINDEN, N. G., and other officers and members of Paradise Lodge, No. 1, February 9th, 1881. M. BLANE, Secretary of Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 2, February 13th, 1881.

Bro. QUERIDO, in letter of November 16th, 1880, transmitted a claim of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, for beuefits paid to a member of Covenant Lodge, No. 16, Boston, Massachusetts, which was at once forwarded to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and the amount due was promptly paid.

Many of the letters mentioned above are lengthy, and all of them contain matters of interest, but it is deemed unnecessary to print them in this report.

PERU.—Three letters from WILLIAM LONG, D. D. Grand Sire, dated October 13th, December 13th, 1880, and June 1st, 1881, have reached this office. The Annual Reports from the Subordinates have not been received, and the dues for the years 1879 and 1880 have not been paid. From the last letter of Bro. LONG, it seems that nearly all the letters addressed to him from this office during the year, failed to reach their destination. He advised:

"Owing to the unsettled state of affairs the Order has suffered greatly in this country. Great praise is due to Fortschritt Lodge, No 3, it having held meetings regularly during all the conflict. The brethren of Lima Lodge, No. 1, have not been so persevering, and those of Chalaco Lodge, No. 4, still less. For several months I have not been able to attend the Lodge as formerly, on account of there being no train by which I could return home. I am in the same condition at the present time, as I am now residing in Callao, and there is no train from Lima later than 8 o'clock, and the lowest fare for a return ticket is five soles in paper, or forty cents in silver. In my present situation I would be unable to attend the Lodge at that price, as at the taking of Chorrillos I lost everything I possessed, including all the books and papers of Callao Lodge, No. 2. Since that event no letters have been forwarded to Chorrillos. The last communication I received from you was in connection with the daily Journal, informing me that the reports would be forwarded in due time, and of the alteration in the work, etc. I have been trying to gather the members of Chalaco Lodge together, and if all goes well a meeting will be held next Tuesday night, after which, I hope the Lodge will continue to work regularly. As I feel an uncertainty regarding this reaching you, I have not inclosed the reports of Lima and Fortschritt Lodges. I have no report from Chalaco Lodge yet, but I hope, if this reaches you in safety, to forward all in my next. Give me all the information you can about the new work, and direct me how to act regarding the dues to the Sovereign Grand Lodge."

Considering the terrible times through which our brethren in Peru have passed, and the fact that the currency of the country will hardly bring eight cents of our money per dollar of Peruvian, it is suggested that the dues of Subordinates for the years 1879, 1880 and 1881 be remitted.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—Communication with Bro. ROBERT LEWERS, D. D. Grand Sire, has been frequent, and notwithstanding the terrible scourge of small-pox prevailed for many months at Honolulu, the Order advanced in membership during the year 1880. Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, numbered 84, a gain of 15; Harmony Lodge, No. 3, reported 65, a gain of 17 members; Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, exhibits a gain of 10, having now 39 members.

On the 4th of December Bro. LEWERS wrote:

"Please inform me if all appeals from this jurisdiction have to be printed, and cannot be sent in manuscript. Should this be the case, it will place us in a difficult position. The Order is in good condition, increasing rapidly, and we trust that new life may be infused into the Order by the new work. The Lodges contemplate celebrating the 34th anniversary of the introduction of Odd Fellowship to Honolulu on the 10th of this month."

On the 10th of February Bro. LEWERS forwarded the reports of the Subordinates, saying:

"I am pleased to report such a large increase in the membership, and trust the Lodges will continue to add to their numbers, but we are laboring under many disadvantages in this jurisdiction on account of the color question. A son of an Odd Fellow (educated by Excelsior Lodge), who, unfortunately, cannot be admitted to membership, showed his appreciation of the great benefits of the Order by asking if he could not give something to the Lodge, now that he was in a position to do so. I told him he could not, but would have been glad if I could have told him he could ask to be admitted to the Lodge, so that he might confer a blessing on other Odd Fellows' children

who had been deprived of their natural protectors. Great benefit would result to the Order in this jurisdiction were we allowed to use our own discretion as to the admission of members. We are studying the new work and hope to be able to use it soon."

In his letter of April 4th, Bro. LEWERS advised: "We have not done any work according to the revised Ritual, as our Lodge meetings have not been well attended on account of small-pox being so prevalent," and on the 12th of April he wrote: "There is very little interest taken in the new work here, and it will be difficult to induce the old Odd Fellows to perfect themselves in it; the younger members seem more inclined to take hold of the work. Doubtless the scourge prevailing in this place has had some influence on the members."

June 27th, Bro. LEWERS wrote: "I trust at the next session the Grand Lodge will grant this jurisdiction the right to admit our half-castes and natives to membership, we being the judges as to qualification. I consider the very life of the Order here requires some action of the kind;" and in letter of July 15th: "I trust the appeals of Bro. D. N. FLITNER will be presented to the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its next session, as I am anxious to have the questions settled. The subject of the ownership of Odd Fellows' Hall has come up again for my decision. This matter was fully settled by the Grand Lodge in 1878, page 7849, Journal. The questions and my answers I forward to you." This letter is filed with the resolutions of Harmony Lodge, No. 3, on the subject, which will be submitted at the proper time.

Several letters have been received from Bro. D. N. FLITNER, P. D. D. Grand Sire, in relation to his two appeals, presented at the last session and not considered because they were not printed. He thought "inasmuch as all appeals in manuscript heretofore sent from this jurisdiction have been considered and determined by the Grand Lodge without reference to Section 88 of the Digest," his appeals ought to have been reported on. Through the kindness of a relative of Bro. FLITNER, residing in Boston, the money required to print the appeals was furnished.

SWITZERLAND.—There was some delay on the part of the brethren of this jurisdiction in designating a suitable brother for the office of District Deputy Grand Sire. Eventually Bro. RUDOLPH WEBER, P. G. M., Zurich, was selected, and on the 13th of April, 1881, he was regularly commissioned by the M. W. Grand Sire. The report of the Grand Lodge exhibits 8 Lodges and 241 members, a loss of 32 members.

Letters have been received from LOUIS KLAJE, Zurich, September 5th, 1880, and January 18th, 1881; C. IMFELD, Grand Master, November 17th, 1880, January 25th and May 23d, 1881; E. WABER, Grand Secretary, April 12th, 1881; JACQUES WEISS, Grand Treasurer, May 18th, 1881; RUDOLF WEBER, D. D. Grand Sire, July 5th, 1881. From the letters of Grand Master IMFELD I quote:

"*November 17th*, 1880.—It would be very desirable to have the Journals of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, that are sent to Germany and Switzerland, printed in the German language, as we should then have a much better understanding of the business, and a livelier interest would be manifested. Our eight Lodges are quite poor, and assistance would be desirable and tend to the extension of the Order."

"*January 25th*, 1881.—The Grand Lodge of Switzerland held a special session on the 14th and 15th insts., and in accordance with your request has named Bro. RUDOLF WEBER, merchant, Zurich, as D. D. Grand Sire for Switzerland. I trust this choice will be approved. The brother is a Past Grand Master and possesses a full knowledge of our beloved Order. We are very glad that we shall soon receive the new Rituals, and all necessary information concerning the new work."

"*May 23d*, 1881.—In accordance with your request, I will, in a few days, visit Stuttgart to receive instructions in the new work." This letter also inclosed a claim of St. Jacob's Lodge, Switzerland, against Cosmopolitan

Lodge, No. 407, New York, for benefits paid to a brother of the latter. The letter was forwarded to the Grand Master of New York and the claim was speedily settled. The delay seems to have occurred through want of proper care in addressing letters.

From the letter of EUGENE WABER, Grand Secretary, dated Luzerne, April 12th, accompanying the Annual Report of the Grand Lodge, I quote the following:

"You will perceive that our membership has decreased, the principal cause of which was abolishing the death fund. We hope the present year will increase the membership in this country."

Bro. RUDOLF WEBER, D. D. Grand Sire, on the 5th of July acknowledged receipt of letters from this office dated April 8th and 13th, and said:

"I have also received my commission as District Deputy Grand Sire, and it will be my earnest effort to prove myself worthy of the position. From this time forward, I will report regularly in reference to the Order in Switzerland."

LIBRARY.

The following is the present condition of the Library:

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Journal of Proceedings of the Tenth Session of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, August, 1880; presented by JOSEPH DOWDALL, P. G. Rep.

Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias; presented by JOSEPH DOWDALL, P. G. Rep.

Proceedings of the Supreme Lodge, Independent Order of Mechanics, May, 1880; Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, March, 1880, and Eleventh Annual Session, March, 1881, of the I. O. M; presented by Bro. W. L. SCHLEY, P. G. P.

Proceedings of the Knights of Pythias, Grand Lodge of Iowa, February, 1881; presented by H. D. WALKER, G. Rep.

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WARRANTS ISSUED DURING THE RECESS.

ARIZONA.—*Rebekah Degree Lodge, No.* 2, at Prescott, October 26th, 1880. Papers sent to CLARK CHURCHILL, D. D. Grand Sire. Return of institution has not been received.

Pima Lodge, No. 3, at Tucson, January 13th, 1881, on the application of twenty brothers holding withdrawal cards. Instituted February 22d, 1881, by E. W. CHAMPLIN, S. D. Grand Sire.

Pinal Lodge, No. 4, at Pinal City, April 7th, 1881, on the application of fourteen brothers holding withdrawal cards. Instituted June 10th, 1881, by W. J. DUNCAN, S. D. Grand Sire.

Cochise Lodge, No. 5, at Tombstone, June 17th, 1881, on the application of eight brothers holding withdrawal cards. Instituted August 9th, 1881, by C. C. BATTERMAN, S. D. Grand Sire.

IDAHO —*Lewiston Lodge, No.* 8, at Lewiston, March 21st, 1881, on the application of eight brothers holding withdrawal cards. Instituted April 26th, 1881, by J. H. BILLUPS, S. D. Grand Sire.

NEW MEXICO.—*San Vicente Lodge, No.* 4, at Silver City, December 15th, 1880, on the application of eight brothers holding withdrawal cards. Instituted January 4th, 1881, by RICHARD WILLIAMS, S. D. Grand Sire.

NETHERLANDS.—*Prins Hendrik Lodge, No.* 3, at Amsterdam, April 27th, 1881, on the application of five brothers holding withdrawal cards. Papers sent to MAURITS FRANK, D. D. Grand Sire. Return of institution has not been received.

WASHINGTON.—*Walla Walla Encampment, No.* 3, at Walla Walla, February 24th, 1881, on the application of seven Patriarchs instructed in the Encampment degrees by authority of the Grand Sire, and one Patriarch holding a withdrawal card. Instituted March 28th, 1881, by W. D. PLANTS, S. D. Grand Sire.

Washington Encampment, No. 4, at Port Gamble, June 17th, 1881, on the application of ten Patriarchs instructed in the Encampment degrees by authority of the Grand Sire, and one Patriarch holding a withdrawal card. Instituted August 26th, 1881, by H. G. STRUVE, D. D. Grand Sire.

WYOMING.—*Harmony Encampment, No.* 3, at Fort Laramie, May 28th, 1881, on the application of nine Patriarchs instructed in the Encampment degrees by authority of the Grand Sire, and one Patriarch holding a withdrawal card. Instituted July 9th, 1881, by L. KABIS, S. D. Grand Sire.

DAKOTA.—*Sinai Encampment, No.* 6, at Grand Forks, March 9th, 1881, on the application of six Patriarchs instructed in the Encampment degrees by authority of the Grand Sire, and two Patriarchs holding withdrawal cards. Instituted April 25th, 1881, by DAVID S. DODDS, S. D. Grand Sire.

THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF DAKOTA, June 11th, 1881, on the unanimous application of the six Subordinate Encampments in the jurisdiction. Instituted at Yankton, August 10th, 1881, by WILLIAM BLATT, S. D. Grand Sire.

Black Hills Encampment, No. 5, (Warrant confirmed at session of 1880) was instituted at Deadwood, Dakota, September 18th, 1880, by L. L. ALEXANDER, S. D. Grand Sire.

COMMISSIONS TO CONFER ENCAMPMENT DEGREES.

The Grand Sire authorized the following:

On the 23d of February, 1881, W. D. PLANTS, P. C. P., to confer the Encampment degrees on seven third degree members, for the purpose of instituting an Encampment at Walla Walla, Washington Territory.

On the 26th of February, DAVID S. DODDS, P. C. P., to confer the Encampment degrees on six third degree members, for the purpose of instituting an Encampment at Grand Forks, Dakota.

On the 7th of April, HENRY G. STRUVE, D. D. Grand Sire, to confer the Encampment degrees on ten third degree members, for the purpose of instituting an Encampment at Port Gamble, Washington Territory.

On the 28th of June, L. KABIS, P. G. M., to confer the Encampment degrees on nine third degree members for the purpose of instituting an Encampment at Fort Laramie, Wyoming Territory.

The duties devolved were promptly discharged, as will appear by the returns herewith submitted.

DUPLICATE CHARTERS.

February 1st, 1881, to Tampa Lodge, No. 7, Florida, in place of original charter destroyed.

CARDS ISSUED.

To Brothers GEORGE W. CONOVER, JOHN COYLE, GEORGE SMITH, A. W. BUSZEK, JAMES GAUDY and GEORGE MORRIS, who were scarlet degree members in good standing of Erin Springs Lodge, No. 4, Indian Territory, at the time the charter of the Lodge was surrendered.

RETURNS FROM GRAND AND SUBORDINATE BODIES.

The Grand Secretary is compelled to say that whilst Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes generally transmitted their reports in good time, there are this year, more than the usual number of delinquents; and he confesses his inability to understand why, when complete returns are exhibited to a State Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, and published in the newspapers, it requires three or four months thereafter, to fill up and forward the proper blanks to this office.

Returns from all the Grand Bodies, except the Grand Encampments of Alabama and New York, have been received.

DEGREE LODGES OF THE DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH.

The tables accompanying this report show the condition of this branch of the Order, and herewith I submit extracts from letters received from Grand Secretaries concerning the Lodges in their respective jurisdictions.

Connecticut.—"I wish the report could be simplified or curtailed. 'Degrees conferred' in this jurisdiction is a stumbling-block to some, in fact it is synonymous with 'admitted,' for our Rebekah Lodges do not confer the degree except for admission, and our Subordinate Lodges confer the degree on all who take elective offices."

Delaware.—"There is but one Lodge in this State, and that one, if the disclosures of passing events may be accepted, is fast approaching dissolution. The membership during the year has remained the same; no accessions; no depletions; a dangerous condition of inactivity."

Indiana.—"There is but little improvement in this branch, nor can we hope for much until the work is made to conform to the revised laws."

Kentucky.—"The report submitted is not encouraging. We have a few good Lodges full of interest and zeal, active in work, prompt in the discharge of duty and dispatch of business, as well as faithful in good works, but the majority are inactive and seem to take little interest in the work. We have

added two Lodges to our number, and one has surrendered its charter, leaving 23 upon the list, with a name among the living, but with the exceptions named, they are virtually dead."

Lower Provinces.—"There is only one Lodge in this jurisdiction, and it made no report for the last year."

Massachusetts.—"There has been a gain both in Lodges and membership, and I think the Lodges are working better, and there is more interest manifested than has been the case for several years."

New Hampshire.—"We made about our usual increase in Rebekah Lodges."

Pennsylvania.—From the report of the Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, I quote as follows: "The reports from the Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah simply go from bad to worse, and it is useless to repeat what has been said upon this subject from year to year. There are supposed to be 75 Lodges in existence, of which number 29 reported for 1880."

Tennessee.—"Rebekah Degree Lodges in this State are doing no good."

Virginia.—"We have no report to make as to Rebekah Lodges, as there are none in this jurisdiction."

OLD ELECTROTYPE PLATES, ETC.

It is respectfully suggested that authority be given to the Committee on Printing Supplies to burn the old Rituals on hand, and break up the electrotype plates, rendered useless by the adoption of the revised work.

The plates referred to consist of the Charge and Degree Books, English, German and Spanish, and Encampment Book, English and German.

The retired books are: Charge Books, English, German, French and Spanish, 468; Degree Books, English, German, French and Spanish, 614; Encampment Books, English, German and French, 684.

BOUND JOURNAL, VOLUME X.

The ninth volume of the Journal included the proceedings of the sessions of 1876, 1877 and 1878, which, with the index of 72 pages, made a book of 1188 pages.

The Journals of 1879, 1880 and 1881, with index, will, it is presumed, make a volume of at least 1000 pages. If the Grand Lodge deems it advisable to issue volume X during this year, it is suggested that the necessary authority be conferred on the Committee on Printing Supplies to contract for the preparation of the index and the publication of the book. The cost of 500 copies, including $50.00 for the index (the amount paid in 1879 for Vol. IX) will be about $800.00.

ADDITION TO OFFICE OF GRAND CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY.

The office of the Grand Secretary and the fire-proof vault, erected in 1876, occupy one story, fronting on Orange alley. It is suggested that a second story be added as a room for the storage of the desks and chairs belonging to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. This property, at present, is placed in one of the Lodge-rooms in the hall, as it cannot be kept in the saloon during the recess. The room is crowded, and the furniture is liable to damage in its present location. It is believed the alteration suggested, including a bridge to the saloon (for convenience in removing the furniture), can be made for about six hundred dollars. If the Grand Lodge regards this matter favorably, I suggest that a committee be appointed with authority to make the improvement, provided the Grand Lodge of Maryland consents to the erection of the platform, etc.

APPEALS.

The law in Section 88, Digest, requires: "That all appeal papers on appeals brought before this R. W. Grand Lodge be furnished by the appealing

parties printed in pamphlet form," etc. The question has been frequently asked: "How many copies are required?" I have replied that "it has been the usual custom to supply each officer and member with a copy." Some, however, think that the law is complied with if enough copies are sent to furnish one to each member of the Committee on Appeals.

PORTRAITS OF PAST GRAND SIRES.

During this summer, the saloon in Odd Fellows' Hall, Baltimore, has been thoroughly repaired. As some of the plastering was removed and the ceiling was newly frescoed, the 28 paintings belonging to this Grand Lodge had to be taken from the room, and returned after the improvements were finished. Some expense in this direction was necessarily incurred, the bill amounting to $35.93. The gilding on the frames of several of the old portraits is very much tarnished, and the paintings, therefore, present a dingy appearance contrasted with the brilliant frames of the recent additions. I respectfully suggest that an appropriation be made for the purpose of putting the frames in good order.

MONTREAL ENCAMPMENT, NO. 1.

In July, the Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of Ontario advised that this Encampment, (under the temporary jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Ontario), had ceased to work. Bro. J. HAMPDEN FIELD, D. D. Grand Sire for Quebec, was communicated with on the subject, and requested, if there was no prospect of resuscitating the Encampment, to obtain the charter and effects and forward to this office. Bro. FIELD advised that the members had determined to maintain the organization, and, in letter dated August 29th, wrote: "You will be pleased to learn that the Encampment is progressing favorably. Six propositions were received at the last meeting."

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF DAKOTA.

This Body was instituted August 10th, 1881, by WILLIAM BLATT, P. G. Rep., Special Deputy Grand Sire. The dues of Subordinates for the year 1881, amounting to $59.83, were collected and remitted to this office, and the amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer. The Representative tax ($75.00) has also been paid, and the Grand Encampment of Dakota, by petition herewith submitted, asks that the dues of Subordinates for the year 1881 be refunded to the said Grand Encampment, such course having been pursued with the Grand Encampments of Ontario in 1869, Vermont and Minnesota in 1871, and Nebraska in 1874.

TRANSLATION OF THE RITUAL.

The work has been translated and printed in German and French, as authorized at the last session. It will be remembered that at the session of 1879, the Grand Secretary was authorized to have the work printed in the Norwegian language. This authority was not exercised for the reasons stated on page 8223, Journal of 1880. On the 18th of June, Bro. M. P. LINDSLEY, P. G. Rep., wrote: "At the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1879, I deposited with you a translation of the initiatory work into the Norwegian language, made under a resolution of the Sovereign Body, and modified at that session. The revision has made it necessary to revise that translation. Our Grand Lodge (Wisconsin) has appropriated $150 00 to make the translation complete; therefore please send by express said translation to A. MAGNUSSEN, La Crosse, Wisconsin. Bro. MAGNUSSEN caused the translation to be made and will attend to completing it."

The manuscript was accordingly forwarded, and receipt of the same acknowledged by Bro. MAGNUSSEN, who asked: "1. Is it necessary that we translate the Rebekah Degree and have it printed with the others? 2. Do you want any recommendations as to the qualification of the translator?

3. Will you cause the translation to be printed as soon as received and approved by you? 4. Will it be difficult to find a printer to set the type in the Norwegian language? We have a first-class printer, a member of my Lodge, who can do the work satisfactorily, but I do not know as he will be able to go East for the purpose, and I do not suppose we can set the type here."

The brother was informed that we did not understand the Rebekah Degree to be included in the translation; evidence of the ability of the translator to do the work ought to be furnished; the translation cannot be printed until the Sovereign Grand Lodge makes an appropriation for that purpose; the work can be done, it is believed, in Philadelphia or New York, but it would probably cost less to have the books printed at La Crosse; and that all printing must be contracted for by the Committee on Printing Supplies.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PERU.—On the 3d of September, a letter was received from Bro. WILLIAM LONG, D. D. Grand Sire, dated Callao, August 10th, 1881, accompanying the reports of Lima Lodge, No. 1, Fortschritt Lodge, No. 3, and Chalaco Lodge, No. 4, in which he says: "I acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated June 13th, 1881, being the first communication from your office since the one accompanying the daily Journals. Yours of May 30th has not come to hand. The initiations have been very few, owing to the unsettled state of the country. The Lodges are all at work now, but it is hardly safe for one to attend the meetings. It is the only object for which I will leave my home after dark, as it is hardly safe to go two blocks. * * * From this you will see that we are struggling under difficulties that are hard to surmount. The Lodges are very anxious to be in possession of the new work, and have requested me to tell you that they think it might be sent with safety by forwarding it to Washington, to be sent with the Government correspondence to the Minister at Lima. I leave the matter to your judgment, hoping that our wish may be gratified, so that we can conduct the business properly. Will try to get the Encampment in working order, and hope to give a better account of things in general in my next."

CHILE.—A letter from Bro. ROBERT MOSER, Grand Secretary, dated Valparaiso, July 27th, 1881, received September 3d, informs us that the supplies sent from this office April 18th had failed to reach him. He also advises that "new vigor is shown in the Order recently, and initiations are increasing."

BARBADOS.—On the 1st of September, a letter from Bro. ARCHIBALD BAYNE, D. D. Grand Sire, dated August 15th, was received, stating: "I forward two petitions from Americus Lodge, on the subjects of taxation and qualification for membership, which please lay before the Sovereign Grand Lodge at next meeting. I regret to say that we have had, for six weeks, an epidemic of yellow fever, which is taking off numbers of the natives, but its victims are mostly Europeans, etc. My time, therefore, is very limited, and you will please excuse this short letter. I will, however, state that I agree with the views expressed in the petitions, and trust that something will be done to remedy the evils. I have already clearly expressed my views, consequently I need not do so now."

NETHERLANDS.—The mail of September 5th brought a letter from Bro. MAURITS FRANK, D. D. Grand Sire, dated Amsterdam, August 15th, accompanying the reports of Paradise Lodge, No. 1, and Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 2, for the six months from January 1st to June 30th, 1881. The membership in No. 1, allowing for the withdrawals to organize No. 3, is about the same as on the 1st of January, and No. 2 has lost 14 members, suspended for nonpayment of dues. Bro. FRANK says: "I feel satisfied that Mount Sinai will maintain her honorable position in the Order, and that she will not deviate from her noble purpose. We have received many evidences of the satisfaction and admiration of the inhabitants who are not members of the Order, but who, we hope, will soon join us and aid in our divine work."

OBITUARY.

Death has been busy during the recess, and has removed from the active scenes of life many of our best beloved, and most earnest brothers. Two Representatives and one Past Grand Sire are numbered with the dead.

This mournful intelligence has, in each instance, come upon us with a suddenness (unprepared as we were for the sad announcements) that has startled us, and presented in forcible language the question: "Who will be the next victim of the destroyer?" In the expressive language of our "Funeral Ceremony," "The living of to-day become the dead of the morrow." But this blotting out of all the sacred memories of "steadfast friendship and eternal love," the sudden check upon the business of life, the demoralization of the plans and purposes of men, must be endured; the inexorable fiat to cease from labor and enter into rest, must be obeyed. Men may shun the sick chamber, recoil from the coffin with its inanimate clay; but for all that they must realize the truth of the aphorism, "To this complexion must you come at last."

Yet, in this terrible word "*death!*" however sad the contemplation that it terminates, on earth, the loves and the hopes of thousands of the human family yearly, there is a just law of compensation—that the soul is immortal and shall live beyond the grave.

John F. Havenner, Representative from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, after a brief illness, died at his home in the City of Washington, on the 19th day of March, 1881. As this sad intelligence was diffused throughout the country, the Order was shocked beyond expression. Less than six months before the dread event occurred, he filled his place in this Grand Lodge, apparently blessed with good health, and with the promise of many years of usefulness before him.

Bro. Havenner came into this Body in the year 1863 to fill a vacancy, was re-elected in 1864, and for each successive term thereafter, serving continuously eighteen years as a Representative from his jurisdiction. The loss of so eminent a brother, who, regardless of his own interests, devoted much of his time and means to the cause of the Order, is felt, not only by the Bodies that claimed him as a faithful and valuable member, but by the entire world of Odd Fellowship which mourns the departure of one of its most efficient laborers.

George W. Race. Past Grand Sire, died at his residence in the City of New Orleans, on the 17th day of June, 1881. He was the fourteenth Grand Sire, occupying the chair in 1857 and 1858, and of his predecessors three only are living, while of those who succeeded him in office, two are dead.

No words of eulogy can do justice to the character of this highly esteemed, faithful, earnest, courteous brother. The loss to his jurisdiction, and to the Order at large, cannot be measured.

C. C. Batterman, Representative from the Grand Lodge of Nevada. The mail of September 2d brought the sad information that this esteemed brother died at Tombstone, Arizona, on the 23d day of August, 1881, of heart disease. One of his last acts, in connection with the Order, was the institution of Cochise Lodge, No. 5, at Tombstone, by virtue of a charter issued from this office.

Bro. Batterman served in this Body at the sessions of 1874, 1876, 1879, 1880, and was re-elected in June, 1881, for the sessions of 1881 and 1882.

A number of deaths in the ranks of Past Grand Representatives have been reported, and the proper announcements will probably be made by their successors.

FINANCES.

The accompanying tables exhibit the amount received at this office during the year, which has been promptly paid to the Grand Treasurer, as shown by his vouchers, numbered from 1 to 150 inclusive, herewith submitted.

The following table exhibits the amount appropriated at the last session, and the expenditures for the year ending August 31, 1881:

	Appropriated.	Expended.	Exceeded Approp'n.	Unexpended.
Mileage and Per Diem	$18,300 00	$17,731 40	.....	$568 60
Daily Journal	800 00	489 96	.....	310 04
Revised Journal	4,000 00	3,593 07	.....	406 93
Officers' Reports	300 00	247 38	.....	52 62
Bound Journals	2,050 00	1,073 10	.....	976 90
Books	38,000 00	17,018 66	.....	20,981 34
Odes, Cards and Diplomas	1,500 00	1,302 18	.....	197 82
Salaries	4,950 00	4,950 00	.....	.....
Rent, Fuel, etc	450 00	385 00	.....	65 00
Incidentals	1,000 00	790 15	.....	209 85
Postage on Reports and Journal	300 00	231 10	.....	68 90
Revision Committee	1,550 45	1,550 45	.....	.....
Committee on Printing Supplies	63 04	63 04	.....	.....
Freight on Money to Toronto	45 00	45 00	.....	.....
J. B. Harmon, G. Sire, Expenses	60 00	60 00	.....	.....
Sub Committee on Finance	35 00	35 00	.....	.....
Committee on Appeals	220 00	220 00	.....	.....
J. F. Schweitzer, Asst. Mess	55 00	55 00	.....	.....
G W. Cutter, Asst. Guardian	27 50	27 50	.....	.....
C. W. Wilmott, Asst. Guardian	20 00	20 00	.....	.....
Freig't on Books, &c., to Toronto	34 30	34 30	.....	.....
Flag for Grand Lodge	50 00	50 00	.....	.....
Stationery for Session	74 09	74 09	.....	.....
Jacob Wiener, Money Refunded	9 20	9 20	.....	.....
Minority Report on Revision	54 50	54 50	.....	.....
J. B. Harmon, Australian Miss'n	750 00	750 00	.....	.....
G. Lodge Utah, Rep. Tax Refun'd	225 00	225 00	.....	.....
C. B. R. Colledge, Asst. to Sec	50 00	50 00	.....	.....
L. J. Glenn, D. G. Sire, Expenses	3 00	3 00	.....	.....
Helen Keehan, Cleaning Room	10 00	10 00	.....	.....
Thomas Phillips, Janitor	20 00	20 00	.....	.....
W. Bowman, Mail Carrier	10 00	10 00	.....	.....
W. G. Happer, Asst. Messenger	7 50	7 50	.....	.....
Steel Engraving of J. B. Harmon, P. G. Sire	.....	100 00	$100 00	.....
Oil Portrait of J. B. Harmon, P. G. Sire	.....	161 50	161 50	.....
Frame for Portrait	.....	22 00	22 00	.....
	$75,023 58	$51,469 08	$283 50	$23,838 00
U. S. Bonds		31,700 00		
Premium and Commission on do		4,240 75		
Safe Deposit Company, Insurance on do		33 70		
Total amount of Warrants		$87,443 53		

The amount specified as exceeding the appropriations, was expended by special order of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. It was, of course, impossible for the author of the resolutions on page 8492 Journal, to designate a particular sum to carry into effect the direction to obtain the painting and engraving.

RECEIPTS, *September* 1, 1880, *to August* 31, 1881.

GRAND LODGES.	Balance Sept. 1, 1880.	Supplies.	Representative Tax.	Total
Alabama	.....	$267 60	$150 00	$417 60
Arkansas	.....	601 40	150 00	751 40
British Columbia	.....	38 00	.....	38 00
California	.....	2,352 33	150 00	2,502 33
Chile	$44 50	5 50	.....	50 00
Colorado	.....	396 50	150 00	546 50
Connecticut	.....	693 05	150 00	843 05
Dakota	.....	340 50	75 00	415 50
Delaware	.....	334 00	150 00	484 00
District of Columbia	.....	128 10	150 00	278 10
Florida	.....	111 00	75 00	186 00
Georgia	.....	363 05	150 00	513 05
Illinois	.....	5,001 15	150 00	5,151 15
Indiana	.....	3,811 50	150 00	3,961 50
Iowa	.....	3,504 50	150 00	3,654 50
Kansas	.....	1,491 50	150 00	1,641 50
Kentucky	.....	1,213 63	150 00	1,363 63
Louisiana	.....	227 75	.....	227 75
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.	.....	403 00	150 00	553 00
Maine	.....	995 50	150 00	1,145 50
Maryland	.....	885 35	150 00	1,035 35
Massachusetts	.....	1,633 50	150 00	1,783 50
Michigan	.....	2,359 00	150 00	2,509 00
Minnesota	.....	677 80	150 00	827 80
Mississippi	.....	451 90	150 00	601 90
Missouri	.....	2,510 75	150 00	2,660 75
Montana	.....	121 62	75 00	196 62
Nebraska	.....	795 15	150 00	945 15
Nevada	.....	305 07	150 00	455 07
New Hampshire	.....	1,193 00	150 00	1,343 00
New Jersey	.....	1,371 00	150 00	1,521 00
New York	.....	3,224 25	150 00	3,374 25
New Zealand	26 80	.....	.....	26 80
North Carolina	.....	210 00	150 00	360 00
Ohio	.....	5,522 00	150 00	5,672 00
Ontario	.....	1,727 25	150 00	1,877 25
Oregon	.....	562 99	150 00	712 99
Pennsylvania	.....	5,618 50	150 00	5,768 50
Quebec	.....	130 51	75 00	205 51
Rhode Island	.....	396 45	150 00	546 45
South Carolina	71 00	104 40	75 00	250 40
Switzerland	.....	10 20	.....	10 20
Tennessee	.....	633 25	150 00	783 25
Texas	.....	1,764 50	150 00	1,914 50
Utah	.....	86 05	75 00	161 05
Vermont	.....	322 25	150 00	472 25
Virginia	.....	359 00	150 00	509 00
Washington	.....	216 48	75 00	291 48
West Virginia	.....	512 35	150 00	662 35
Wisconsin	.....	2,283 90	150 00	2,433 90
Wyoming	.....	95 33	75 00	170 33
	$142 30	$58,363 36	$6,300 00	$64,805 66

RECEIPTS, *September* 1, 1880, *to August* 31, 1881.—Continued.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Balance Sept. 1, 1880.	Charter and Supplies.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Alabama	.....	$21 13	.....	$21 13
Arkansas	$75 00	9 00	.....	84 00
California	.....	501 17	$150 00	651 17
Colorado	.....	113 00	75 00	188 00
Connecticut	.....	88 00	150 00	238 00
Dakota	.....	30 00	75 00	105 00
Delaware	.....	71 50	75 00	146 50
District of Columbia	.....	42 64	.....	42 64
Georgia	.....	66 10	75 00	141 10
Illinois	.....	1,578 36	150 00	1,728 36
Indiana	.....	779 00	150 00	929 00
Iowa	.....	717 00	150 00	867 00
Kansas	.....	246 00	75 00	321 00
Kentucky	.....	304 00	150 00	454 00
Louisiana	.....	35 00	.....	35 00
Maine	.....	253 92	150 00	403 92
Maryland	.....	131 92	150 00	281 92
Massachusetts	.....	432 00	150 00	582 00
Michigan	.....	281 00	150 00	431 00
Minnesota	.....	118 33	75 00	193 33
Mississippi	.....	61 00	75 00	136 00
Missouri	.....	538 00	150 00	688 00
Nebraska	.....	88 35	75 00	163 35
Nevada	75 00	89 50	75 00	239 50
New Hampshire	.....	290 04	150 00	440 04
New Jersey	.....	259 00	150 00	409 00
New York	150 00	448 00	150 00	748 00
North Carolina	.....	47 00	75 00	122 00
Ohio	.....	1,733 00	150 00	1,883 00
Ontario	.....	333 44	150 00	483 44
Oregon	.....	152 03	75 00	227 03
Pennsylvania	.....	1,212 00	150 00	1,362 00
Rhode Island	.....	112 29	150 00	262 29
South Carolina	.....	13 00	40 00	53 00
Tennessee	.....	43 00	75 00	118 00
Texas	.....	372 42	150 00	522 42
Vermont	75 00	75 00	75 00	225 00
Virginia	75 00	132 08	.....	207 08
West Virginia	.....	156 38	75 00	231 38
Wisconsin	.....	252 00	150 00	402 00
	$450 00	$12,226 60	$4,090 00	$16,766 60

RECEIPTS, *September* 1, 1880, *to August* 31, 1881.—Continued

SUBORDINATES AND INDIVIDUALS.	Balance Sept. 1, 1880.	Supplies and Charter.	Dues.	Total.
Arizona Lodge, No. 1, Arizona	.....	$10 95	$134 72	$145 67
Phœnix " 2, "	.....	16 55	89 50	106 05
Pima " 3, "	.....	32 00	.....	32 00
Pinal " 4, "	.....	37 21	.....	37 21
Cochise " 5, "	.....	33 00	.....	33 00
Arizona Degree " 1, D. of R.	.....	6 00	.....	6 00
Rebekah Degree " 2, "	.....	30 00	.....	30 00
Caddo " 1, Indian T.	.....	9 50	10 70	20 20
Tishomingo " 2, "	.....	6 50	21 16	27 66
McAlister " 3, "	.....	14 75	50 60	65 35
Mt. Idaho " 7, Idaho	.....	25 50	53 90	79 40
Lewiston " 8, "	.....	46 50	.....	46 50
Manitoba " 1, Manitoba	.....	4 50	37 52	42 02
Portage " 3, "	.....	6 50	51 11	57 61
Gateway City " 4, "	.....	20 75	62 13	82 88
Paradise " 1, Neth'l'ds	.....	12 00	50 11	62 11
Mt. Sinai " 2, "	.....	7 25	52 39	59 64
Pr. Hendrik " 3, "	.....	30 00	.....	30 00
Paradise " 2, N. Mexico	.....	6 50	54 45	60 95
Las Vegas " 4, "	.....	6 50	102 80	109 30
San Vicente " 5, "	.....	48 58	.....	48 58
Excelsior " 1, S. Islands	$8 29	4 50	176 15	188 94
Harmony " 3, "	.....	4 50	131 45	135 95
R. Purple Encamp., No. 1, Dakota	.....	8 00	12 84	20 84
Yankton " 2, "	.....	10 00	11 23	21 23
Hesperian " 3, "	.....	6 00	7 50	13 50
Golden Rule " 4, "	.....	7 50	15 47	22 97
Black Hills " 5, "	.....	55 42	63 49	118 91
Sinai " 6, "	.....	30 00	10 20	40 20
Florida " 1, Florida	.....	6 00	2 28	8 28
Aucilla " 2, "	.....	9 00	2 56	11 56
Excelsior " 4, "	.....	8 00	7 50	15 50
Key West " 5, "	.....	8 00	14 81	22 81
Withlacootchie " 6, "	.....	6 00	6 10	12 10
Idaho " 1, Idaho	.....	16 68	26 70	43 38
Stuart " 10, L. Prov	.....	6 00	2 10	8 10
Milicete " 11, "	.....	8 00	16 05	24 05
Halifax " 12, "	.....	6 00	11 75	17 75
Port La Joie " 13, "	.....	6 00	7 13	13 13
Rocky Mountain " 1, Montana	.....	9 46	57 21	66 67
Golden Star " 2, "	.....	11 71	17 67	29 38
Crusader " 3, "	.....	9 43	80 55	89 98
Centennial " 3, N. Mexico	.....	6 00	11 70	17 70
Polynesia " 1, S. Islands	.....	.....	72 26	72 26
Walla Walla " 3, Wash'n	.....	38 79	.....	38 79
Washington " 4, "	.....	30 00	.....	30 00
Wyoming " 1, Wyoming	.....	8 00	25 77	33 77
Hope " 2, "	.....	6 00	4 55	10 55
Harmony " 3, "	.....	40 00	.....	40 00
Sundry Subordinates	.....	55 45	.....	55 45
Sundry Individuals	.....	25 69	.....	25 69
J. F. Miller	10 00	.....	.....	10 00
Charles Betz	.....	1,062 50	.....	1,062 50
	$18 29	$1,919 67	$1,566 11	$3,504 07

RECAPITULATED.

Receipts from Grand Lodges		$64,805 66
" Grand Encampments		16,766 60
" Subordinates and Individuals		3,504 07
Ordinary revenue		$85,076 33
United States bonds sold	$5,000 00	
Interest and premium on do	716 50	
Wildey Monument Fund, insurance on bonds	5 00	
		5,721 50
Interest to credit of Wildey Monument Fund		60 00
Total paid to Grand Treasurer		$90,857 83
Ordinary revenue		$85,076 33
Balances due		1,514 25
Total		$86,590 58
Amount August 31st, 1880, per Journal, page 8258		32,503 27
Increase for year ending August 31st, 1881		$54,087 31

During the year, 1,021 orders for supplies have been filled without any delay, except in the case of the new Rituals.

The balance sheet, herewith submitted, exhibits a net profit of $33,061.76 on the business of the year.

RETURNS FOR THE YEARS 1879 AND 1880.

	Year 1879.	Year 1880.	Increase.	Decrease.
Grand Lodges	50	50	.....	.....
Subordinate Lodges	7,067	7,172	105	.....
Rebekah Degree Lodges	856	899	43	.....
Grand Encampments	39	40	1	.....
Subordinate Enc'pments	1,842	1,857	15	.....
Lodge initiations	34,834	42,544	7,710	.....
Lodge members	440,783	456,942	16,159	.....
Encampment members	79,511	79,498	.....	13
Relief by Lodges	$1,539,623 03	$1,523,920 03	.....	$15,703 00
Relief by Encampments	170,235 70	167,243 37	.....	2,992 33
Relief by Rebekah Lodges	4,946 29	4,815 82	.....	130 47
Total relief	1,714,805 02	1,695,979 22	.....	18,825 80
Revenue of Lodges	3,970,630 25	4,191,464 23	$220,833 98	.....
Revenue of Encampments	392,099 77	394,804 49	2,704 02	.....
Revenue of Rebekah L'gs	28,485 33	32,578 05	4,092 72	.....
Total revenue	4,391,215 35	4,618,846 77	227,631 42	.....

To the table on page 8259, Journal of 1880, the returns made to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the statistics from Germany and Australasia, for the year 1880, have been added, and exhibit the following:

FROM 1830 TO DECEMBER 31, 1880.

Supreme Lodges (Sovereign, German Empire, Australasia)	3
Subordinate Grand Lodges	58
Subordinate Grand Encampments	41
Subordinate Encampments	1,867
Subordinate Lodges	7,371
Encampment members	79,950
Lodge members	466,857
Lodge initiations	1,175,050
Members relieved	945,895
Widowed families relieved	126,324
Members deceased	90,940
Total relief	$30,915,393 96
Total receipts	82,701,157 86

CONCLUSION.

The tables accompanying this report exhibit a very gratifying gain of 16,159 members in the year 1880, a greater number than we lost in the three years preceding. The Grand and Subordinate Lodges reporting to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, show an aggregate of 456,942 members, the largest number ever returned. From 1865 to 1875 the Order steadily increased from 153,594 members in the former, to 456,125 in the latter, and we now exceed by 817 the highest number heretofore attained, with such assurances as lead us to believe that the returns for the year 1881, will present a grand array of at least 480,000 members. Add to this the Order in Germany and Australasia, which will probably number 15,000, and it will be seen that nearly half a million of men are to-day active and earnest workers in the cause of Odd Fellowship.

Within fifty years, nearly eighty-three millions of dollars have been paid into the treasuries of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, nine hundred and forty-six thousand brothers, and one hundred and twenty-seven thousand widowed families have been relieved, ninety-one thousand brothers buried, orphans have been clothed and educated, and in the fulfilment of the great command of our law—"Visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan"—we record thirty-one millions of dollars expended, besides the countless thousands of which no just estimate can be made.

The financial condition of this Grand Body is better to-day than ever before; the receipts of the year, $85,076.33, from ordinary revenue, far exceeding any previous year in its existence. The figures submitted, carefully gleaned, as they have been, from the most reliable sources, may justly excite our pride, and we have a right to exult over the splendid record of the year; but whilst contemplating the magnificent results that have crowned our efforts in the past, we cannot forget that there is yet more work to do Our field is boundless, and, comparatively, but a small space has been cultivated. It is your province to extend the sentiment of brotherhood until our spotless banner shall be unfurled in every city, town and hamlet of the civilized earth, for let it be remembered: "Wide as the world is our scope, and free as the air is our welcome to the children of men."

That all the labor that has been expended upon this great Order since the days of 1819 has not been in vain, is manifested by the splendid array of statistics presented to you. As time rolls on these benefactions to the human race will increase and multiply a thousand fold, and the humble toilers in

the vineyard of Odd Fellowship will feel that they have been abundantly rewarded by the prayers and blessings of thousands of their brethren who have received the benefits of the Order, and the widows and orphans that, without this institution, would have been consigned to the charities of a cold and unfeeling world.

You will doubtless measure up to the full standard of duty required of you; that there may be no halt in the march of Odd Fellowship; but that your legislation shall tend to the improvement of the Order where it exists to-day, and extend its operations to every habitable portion of the globe, that its influence may descend

> "As the gentle rain from Heaven
> Upon the place beneath; twice blessed;
> Blessing him that gives, and him that takes."

In conclusion, the undersigned deems it his duty to state, that, although for several years the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary has been unable to give any attention to the details of the annual report from this office, yet the proofs have been submitted to his inspection and the work has received his approval. I regret to say that during the last year, it has been impossible, on account of his feeble condition, to consult with that distinguished officer on any matters relating to the business of the office, and this document is the first report of the Grand Secretary since the organization of "the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States," in 1821, submitted without the sanction and name of JAMES L. RIDGELY; a determination arrived at after consultation with eminent members of the Order, on whose judgment I place the most implicit reliance.

Therefore, as the entire responsibility for the matter presented in this paper has been devolved upon me, I sign it, on behalf of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary,

Theo. A. Roff

Assistant Grand Secretary.

Office of Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary,
Baltimore, September, 1881.

DISTRIBUTION OF NEW RITUALS, AND CERTIFICATES OF OLD BOOKS DESTROYED.

The following is a statement of the revised work issued, and old books burned, as certified to this office:

	Lodge Charge.		Degree Charge.		Encampm'nt Charge.	
	New, issued.	Old, destroyed.	New, issued.	Old, destroyed.	New, issued.	Old, destroyed.
Alabama	80	60	76	60	15	.....
Arizona	10	4	10	5	.....	.....
Arkansas	182	81	134	75	9	22
Australasia	300	.....	300	.....	55	.....
Barbados	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
British Columbia	13	.....	13	.....	.....	.....
California	572	.....	566	.....	386	.....
Chile	8	.....	8	.....	.....	.....
Colorado	92	75	92	74	73	74
Connecticut	127	152	127	109	48	85
Dakota	68	61	68	52	36	30
Delaware	100	111	98	74	49	36
District Columbia	34	30	34	30	20	25
Florida	29	.....	29	.....	30	27
Georgia	125	137	126	116	52	64
Germany	85	.....	85	.....	25	.....
Idaho	4	2	4	2	6	.....
Illinois	1,254	1,415	1,254	1,392	1,055	878
Indiana	1,132	1,189	1,142	1,149	614	455
Indian Territory	6	6	6	6	.....	.....
Iowa	962	950	1,018	900	555	600
Kansas	377	230	377	230	176	108
Kentucky	384	187	384	187	266	115
Louisiana	91	53	87	47	31	19
Lower Provinces B. N. A	116	.....	116	.....	24	10
Maine	234	187	242	195	140	125
Manitoba	6	4	6	4	6	.....
Maryland	309	315	327	240	126	114
Massachusetts	324	324	324	324	192	111
Michigan	754	571	728	580	221	165
Minnesota	156	155	156	152	115	116
Mississippi	156	123	152	137	51	45
Missouri	742	690	742	710	382	298
Montana	35	29	27	24	18	18
Nebraska	200	238	207	168	80	60
Netherlands	6	4	6	4	.....	.....
Nevada	62	60	62	62	61	66
New Hampshire	214	192	227	189	137	136
New Jersey	412	302	412	294	189	164
New Mexico	6	2	8	2	6	6
New York	1,042	1,044	912	716	396	355
New Zealand	60	.....	60	.....	.....	.....

Distribution of new Rituals, etc.—Continued.

	Lodge Charge.		Degree Charge.		Encampm'nt Charge.	
	New, issued.	Old, destroyed.	New, issued.	Old, destroyed.	New, issued.	Old, destroyed.
North Carolina	82	.....	82	.....	41	38
Ohio	1,352	1,332	1,352	1,318	1,199	1,109
Ontario	414	.....	443	.....	202	200
Oregon	162	144	174	144	115	102
Pennsylvania	1,796	1,800	1,673	1,700	1,032	1,060
Peru	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Quebec	31	25	35	28	.....	.....
Rhode Island	88	84	88	91	56	59
Sandwich Islands	6	6	6	5	6	6
South Carolina	37	19	37	22	13	13
Switzerland	16	.....	16	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee	221	192	227	181	43	40
Texas	542	276	542	218	254	100
Utah	15	14	21	14	.....	.....
Vermont	73	72	89	66	45	38
Virginia	120	102	135	99	109	78
Washington	51	42	81	44	12	.....
West Virginia	169	166	219	166	139	150
Wisconsin	594	382	594	332	202	30
Wyoming	21	22	39	25	18	12
	16,661	13,222	16,607	12,390	9,131	7,107

STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES *on hand August* 31, 1880, *received and disposed of during the year, and on hand August* 31, 1881.

	On hand Aug. 31, 1880, per Journal, p. 8262.	Rec'd during the year.	Total.	Disposed of during the year.	On hand Aug. 31, 1881.
Grand Lodge Books	67	.....	67	5	62
Grand Encampment Books	106	.....	106	6	100
Encampment Institution Books	88	.....	88	8	80
*Encampment Charge Books	690	10,572	11,262	9,825	1,437
Encampment Charts	.....	1,414	1,414	1,046	368
*Lodge Institution Books	250	526	776	42	734
Lodge Public Install'n Books (German)	118	.....	118	.....	118
†Lodge Charge Books	468	18,046	18,514	17,132	1,382
†Degree Charge Books	614	17,526	18,140	17,234	906
Degree Lodge Installation Books	93	.....	93	12	81
Degree Charts	.....	5,044	5,044	4,415	629
*Rebekah Degree Books	158	522	680	241	439
*Reb. Degree Lodge Installation Books	452	.....	452	25	427
Book of Odes, with Music	31	523	554	223	331
Encampment Book of Odes	.....	3,576	3,576	2,609	967
Odes	30,700	15,213	45,913	22,962	22,951
Cards	8,776	59,000	67,776	54,577	13,199
Rebekah Cards	692	1,943	2,635	728	1,907
Dismissal Certificates	2,279	3,000	5,279	2,250	3,029
Rebekah Certificates	236	.....	236	1	235
*Diplomas	1,503	2,234	3,737	2,631	1,106
Book of Forms	429	.....	429	106	323
*Funeral Service	295	2,512	2,807	1,927	880
Anniversary Ceremony	597	.....	597	294	303
Bound Journals	1,865	1,000	2,865	‡844	2,021
Digests	3	514	517	148	369
Digest Additions, 1871–1874	966	.....	966	§524	442

* English and German. † English, German and French.

‡ 822 to Grand Representatives. § 515 used in Digests.

BALANCES, *September* 1, 1881.

PAGE.		DR.	CR.
2	Stock		$84,162 45
7	Joshua Vansant, Grand Treasurer	$21,664 61	
14	United States Bonds	31,700 00	
15	U. S. Bonds, Wildey Monument Fund	2,000 00	
17	Grand Lodge Charge Books	32 24	
18	Grand Encampment Books	31 00	
21	Encampment Institution Books	18 40	
26	Encampment Charge Books	387 99	
31	Encampment Charts	220 80	
34	Lodge Institution Books	190 84	
38	Lodge Public Installation Books	31 86	
47	Lodge Charge Books	345 50	
57	Degree Charge Books	226 50	
61	Degree Charts	314 50	
63	Degree Lodge Installation Books	25 11	
69	Degree of Rebekah Charge Books	92 19	
76	Degree Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, Installation Books	106 75	
81	Lodge and Encampment Odes	344 26	
85	Encampment Ode Books	54 11	
87	Book of Odes	66 20	
91	Visiting and Withdrawal Cards	230 98	
100	Rebekah Visiting and Withdrawal Cards	38 14	
104	Dismissal Certificates	90 87	
107	Rebekah Certificates	18 80	
111	Diplomas	110 60	
116	Book of Forms	96 90	
121	Anniversary Ceremony	36 36	
124	Bound Journals	4,042 00	
127	Funeral Service	88 00	
133	Digests (to 1874)	738 00	
139	Digest Additions (1871–4)	148 98	
142	Electrotype Plates	5,561 80	
146	Steel and Copper Plates	3,650 00	
148	Furniture and Fixtures	7,943 66	
154	Library	721 66	
158	J. Vansant, Trustee Wildey Monument Fund	471 46	
161	Wildey Monument Fund		2,471 46
186	Grand Lodge Building	3,278 59	
189	Charles Betz	38 25	
200	George S. Brown	36 00	
	I. W. Stone	2 50	
	Andre Cushing	2 50	
	Samuel Beck	2 00	
204	Clark Churchill	4 50	
	James H. Emslie	10 00	
	N. Hurwitz	28 00	
205	H. G. Struve	5 21	
	L. Hayward	2 00	
206	William H. Barnes	19 62	
207	Ralph R. Briggs	1 50	
208	John W. Stokes	24 50	
	John Ritter	2 00	

BALANCES, *September* 1, 1881.—Continued.

PAGE.		DR.	CR.
211	J. F. Miller	$62 95	
222	Grand Encampment of Alabama	75 00	
226	Grand Lodge of South Australia	2 00	
227	Grand Lodge of Australasia	204 83	
230	Grand Encampment of Arkansas	75 00	
233	Grand Lodge of British Columbia	229 36	
237	Grand Lodge of California		$42 58
239	Grand Lodge of Chile	13 06	
241	Grand Lodge of Colorado	1 00	
259	Grand Encampment of District of Columbia	75 00	
268	Grand Lodge of the German Empire	90 50	
272	Grand Lodge of Idaho		30 00
297	Grand Lodge of Louisiana	150 00	
298	Grand Encampment of Louisiana	75 00	
394	Grand Lodge of New Zealand	76 87	
396	Grand Lodge of Minnesota		5 52
398	Grand Lodge of New York	11 00	
401	Grand Lodge of South Carolina	1 25	
402	Grand Encampment of South Carolina	35 00	
404	Grand Lodge of Switzerland	10 00	
423	Grand Encampment of Victoria	15 00	
426	Grand Encampment of Virginia	75 00	
441	Phœnix Lodge, No. 2, Arizona		2 00
449	Americus Lodge, No. 1, Barbados	33 17	
451	Mount Idaho Lodge, No. 7, Idaho		9 26
458	Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 2, Netherlands	2 00	
459	Prins Hendrik Lodge, No. 3, Netherlands	9 75	
460	Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, Manitoba	2 00	
465	Lima Lodge, No. 1, Peru	24 16	
467	Fortschritt Lodge, No. 3, Peru	19 65	
468	Chalaco Lodge, No. 4, Peru	27 10	
476	Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands	4 25	
478	Harmony Lodge, No. 3, Sandwich Islands	9 25	
530	Harmony Encampment, No. 1, Manitoba	6 00	
546	Atahualpa Encampment, No. 1, Peru	5 40	
554	Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, Sandwich Isl'ds	8 00	
564	Hope Encampment, No. 2, Wyoming	2 08	
565	Harmony Encampment, No. 3, Wyoming		5 60
		$86,728 87	$86,728 87

BALANCE SHEET. *Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.*

BALTIMORE, September 1, 1881.	Page.	Face of the Ledger.		Supplies.		Profit and Loss.		Stock.		Balances.	
		DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.
Stock	2		$51,100 69						$51,100 69		
Profit and Loss	3		100 00				$100 00				
Cash	4	$90,857 83	90,857 83							$21,664 61	
Joshua Vansant, Grand Treasurer	7	109,108 14	87,443 53								
Interest	8	4,240 75	716 50			$3,524 25				31,700 00	
United States Bonds	14	36,700 00	5,000 00							2,000 00	
U. S. Bonds, Wildey Mon. Fund	15	2,000 00									
U. S. Bonds, Surplus Relief Fund	15	1,000 00	1,000 00								
Supplies, pp. 16-139		25,122 73	74,967 35	$25,122 73	$74,967 35						
Electro., Steel and Copper Plates.	142 &146	9,211 80								9,211 80	
Furniture and Library	148 &154	8,665 32								8,665 32	
Surplus Relief Fund	158	1,016 50	1,016 50								
J. Vansant, Trustee S. R. Fund,	159	1,016 50	1,016 50								
J. Vansant, Trustee Callao Lodge	159	100 00	100 00								
J. Vansant, Trustee W. M. Fund	160	754 46	283 00							471 46	
Wildey Monument Fund	161	283 00	2,754 46								$2,471 46
Annual Expenses	166	6,527 83	80 77			6,447 06					
Fifty-sixth Annual Session	172	27,591 89	164 00			27,427 89					
Representative Tax and Dues	178-9		12,619 78				12,619 78				
Charters	180		230 00				230 00				
Grand Lodge Building		3,278 59								3,278 59	
Old Books retired		461 32				461 32					
Grand & Sub. Bodies & Individuals		99,706 77	98,192 52							1,514 25	
		$427,643 43	$427,643 43								
Supplies per inven'ry					8,127 88					8,127 88	
Profit				57,972 50			57,972 50				
				$83,095 23	$83,095 23						
Net gain						33,061 76			33,061 76		
						$70,922 28	$70,922 28				
Capital								$84,162 45			
								$84,162 45	$84,162 45		
Assets										$86,633 91	
Liabilities											$2,471 46
Net Capital											84,162 45
										$86,633 91	$86,633 91

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Lodges to the Sovereign Grand*
from January 1 to

JURISDICTION.	No. of Lodges.	Members, Dec. 31, 1879.	ADD.				Total.
			Error in last report.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated	
Alabama	36	1,074	....	99	14	36	1,223
Arkansas	58	1,568	....	244	93	45	1,950
British Columbia	5	509	....	23	3	2	537
California	271	21,346	....	1,415	359	155	23,275
Chile	5	333	....	25	6	3	367
Colorado	38	1,629	....	338	177	36	2,180
Connecticut	54	6,961	....	595	30	30	7,616
Dakota	26	649	....	257	131	43	1,080
Delaware	33	2,268	....	109	5	22	2,404
District Columbia	15	1,782	....	223	35	27	2,067
Florida	13	376	....	56	8	13	453
Georgia	45	2,031	....	207	30	47	2,315
Illinois	595	25,932	....	3,842	683	1,066	31,523
Indiana	537	24,662	....	1,850	560	495	27,567
Iowa	376	17,690	....	2,387	655	336	21,068
Kansas	167	6,180	....	1,115	502	152	7,949
Kentucky	203	8,827	....	377	80	118	9,402
Louisiana	25	1,055	....	99	26	17	1,197
Low. Prov. B. N. A.	35	2,155	....	331	28	38	2,552
Maine	71	9,743	....	872	41	119	10,775
Maryland	105	11,235	....	338	25	.....	11,598
Massachusetts	156	23,869	....	1,927	84	93	25,973
Michigan	313	13,341	....	1,953	402	447	16,143
Minnesota	73	3,426	....	694	147	62	4,329
Mississippi	36	1,435	....	161	82	45	1,723
Missouri	339	13,475	....	1,770	371	288	15,904
Montana	11	357	....	60	42	4	463
Nebraska	85	2,800	....	488	284	72	3,644
Nevada	30	2,003	....	108	52	32	2,195
New Hampshire	64	7,705	....	535	47	33	8,320
New Jersey	178	13,761	....	1,155	113	199	15,228
New York	487	37,891	....	3,553	346	494	42,284
North Carolina	43	1,566	....	132	46	18	1,762
Ohio	642	42,065	891	3,211	794	654	47,615
Ontario	189	12,271	....	1,533	138	177	14,119
Oregon	72	2,901	....	274	97	51	3,323
Pennsylvania	898	76,369	....	6,014	694	1,019	84,096
Quebec	13	611	...	146	28	1	786
Rhode Island	42	4,888	....	198	9	18	5,113
South Carolina	16	388	....	74	9	17	488
Switzerland	8	273	....	15	3	1	292
Tennessee	139	2,928	....	426	147	204	3,705
Texas	143	4,255	....	676	330	313	5,574
Utah	6	323	1	35	11	11	381
Vermont	23	1,309	....	219	59	26	1,613
Virginia	47	2,951	....	250	25	78	3,304
Washington	17	563	....	81	48	7	699
West Virginia	81	3,952	....	269	110	91	4,422
Wisconsin	273	14,142	....	1,445	234	240	16,061
Wyoming	10	335	....	78	15	29	457
	7,147	440,158	892	42,282	8,258	7,524	499,114

Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year December 31, 1880.

JURISDICTION.	DEDUCT.					Total.	Members, Dec. 31, 1880.
	Error in last report.	Withdra'n by Card.	Suspended or dropped	Expelled.	Deceased.		
Alabama	....	18	43	.....	6	67	1,156
Arkansas	....	73	233	14	27	347	1,603
British Columbia	....	6	24	1	7	38	499
California	....	422	1,076	33	276	1,807	21,468
Chile	....	10	86	.....	5	101	266
Colorado	....	68	54	6	22	150	2,030
Connecticut	....	61	197	6	73	337	7,279
Dakota	...	51	62	9	6	128	952
Delaware	....	3	33	1	6	43	2,361
District Columbia	....	12	106	1	22	141	1,926
Florida	....	19	53	.....	7	79	374
Georgia	....	41	156	8	17	222	2,093
Illinois	....	911	2,241	88	275	3,515	28,008
Indiana	....	533	1,411	62	220	2,226	25,341
Iowa	...	656	1,079	62	110	1,907	19,161
Kansas	....	209	439	33	66	747	7,202
Kentucky	....	122	401	20	85	628	8,774
Louisiana	....	42	98	2	19	161	1,036
Low. Prov. B. N. A.	....	80	205	2	36	323	2,229
Maine	....	75	242	52	79	448	10,327
Maryland	....	45	511	4	114	674	10,924
Massachusetts	....	145	605	19	239	1,008	24,965
Michigan	....	452	1,423	45	103	2,023	14,120
Minnesota	....	94	268	9	22	393	3,936
Mississippi	165	47	247	1	20	480	1,243
Missouri	....	371	798	35	125	1,329	14,575
Montana	....	15	13	3	4	35	428
Nebraska	....	101	231	11	16	359	3,285
Nevada	....	60	176	9	26	271	1,924
New Hampshire	....	59	190	5	76	330	7,990
New Jersey	....	85	821	17	138	1,061	14,167
New York	....	493	2,836	43	484	3,856	38 428
North Carolina	....	26	176	7	14	223	1,539
Ohio	....	717	1,802	112	412	3,043	44,572
Ontario	....	320	1,341	58	86	1,805	12,314
Oregon	....	76	185	11	22	294	3,029
Pennsylvania	....	675	6,037	56	852	7,620	76,476
Quebec	....	38	24	3	1	66	720
Rhode Island	....	30	320	5	44	399	4,714
South Carolina	....	18	36	1	6	61	427
Switzerland	....	39	.....	6	6	51	241
Tennessee	....	112	384	18	39	553	3,152
Texas	227	262	493	24	60	1,066	4,508
Utah	....	22	33	.....	1	56	325
Vermont	....	58	76	1	14	149	1,464
Virginia	....	39	237	11	44	331	2,973
Washington	2	18	49	.....	9	78	621
West Virginia	....	48	310	11	26	395	4,027
Wisconsin	....	434	1,007	28	116	1,585	14,476
Wyoming	....	15	30	1	6	52	405
	394	**8,326**	**28,898**	954	4,489	43,061	456,053

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Lodges to the Sovereign Grand*
January 1 *to December*

JURISDICTION.	No. of brothers relieved.	No. of weeks' benefits paid.	No. widowed families rel'd.	No. of brothers buried.	Amount paid for the relief of brothers.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.
Alabama	67	142	29	6	$561 50	$303 40
Arkansas	99	333	7	27	1,415 25	71 25
British Columbia	56	367	1	7	3,236 00	50 00
California	2,565	15,543	203	276	124,486 76	16,714 62
Chile	14	99	4	5	794 00	285 00
Colorado	177	772	6	22	4,707 80	145 00
Connecticut	525	5,331	16	73	19,581 52	407 58
Dakota	41	112	2	6	475 00	20 00
Delaware	132	763	8	6	3,245 75	170 00
District Columbia	297	1,123	72	22	4,492 00	3,501 04
Florida	53	153	3	7	707 90	50 00
Georgia	146	656	12	17	2,164 60	895 00
Illinois	2,840	8,746	311	275	40,358 84	5,247 35
Indiana	2,513	11,331	356	220	46,312 52	5,797 91
Iowa	1,062	4,992	67	110	17,184 90	2,817 46
Kansas	403	2,201	23	66	7,422 33	405 46
Kentucky	774	3,746	284	85	15,711 61	4,153 71
Louisiana	111	471	77	19	2,587 50	1,292 95
Low. Prov. B. N. A.	121	437	36	36	982 90	490 76
Maine	827	8,001	23	79	26.927 57	1,093 73
Maryland	1,923	14,850	171	114	39,646 00	21,141 53
Massachusetts	1,942	12,236	497	239	48,077 64	4,970 98
Michigan	502	1,707	47	103	9,481 17	2,232 45
Minnesota	226	811	19	22	3,001 31	428 05
Mississippi	106	325	21	20	1,207 65	192 00
Missouri	1,373	5,039	421	125	21,315 85	10,499 45
Montana	41	155	1	4	1,092 10	46 00
Nebraska	156	509	10	16	2,090 18	182 00
Nevada	194	1,067	16	26	10,436 00	1,131 40
New Hampshire	634	3,564	37	76	13,189 74	614 51
New Jersey	1,593	10,564	100	138	42,126 09	2,358 54
New York	1,802	20,340	481	484	96,258 24	16,393 00
North Carolina	121	373	6	14	1,127 44	76 03
Ohio	3,339	23,265	494	412	85,675 85	8,491 71
Ontario	1,286	5,145	212	86	15,748 54	7,059 58
Oregon	402	1,393	31	22	10,247 71	1,752 28
Pennsylvania	10,242	69,422	902	852	259,526 58	9,517 43
Quebec	37	161	2	1	720 25	90 00
Rhode Island	337	3,462	30	44	14,808.75	96 47
South Carolina	33	91	31	6	484 00	289 00
Switzerland	20	60	14	6	139 10	126 00
Tennessee	199	927	202	39	3,961 56	5,326 41
Texas	450	1,345	44	60	4,859 20	672 95
Utah	33	156	2	1	1,119 45	40 00
Vermont	81	323	3	14	972 77	36 36
Virginia	545	2,551	103	44	8,152 00	3,206 00
Washington	46	88	4	9	1,413 25	94 15
West Virginia	596	1,537	41	26	8,206 55	308 26
Wisconsin	778	4,311	114	116	12,758 15	4,276 51
Wyoming	19	89	1	6	631 75	60 00
	41,879	251,185	5,597	4.489	$1,041,831 12	$145,621 27

Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from 31, 1880.—Continued.

JURISDICTION.	Amount paid for education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount of special relief.	Total relief.	Total rec'pts.
Alabama....	$119 95	$220 00	$239 66	$1,444 51	$7,526 51
Arkansas....	.....	719 80	.....	2,206 30	11,882 80
B. Columbia	.....	580 00	.....	3,866 00	9,228 48
California...	881 50	20,477 51	10,337 85	172,898 24	456,812 07
Chile	79 35	490 30	50 00	1,698 65	4,829 48
Colorado....	.....	938 52	.....	5,791 32	25,782 57
Connecticut..	75 00	4,570 45	3,661 60	28,296 15	73,148 79
Dakota	.....	127 00	419 09	1,041 09	10,911 83
Delaware ...	.....	1,321 50	61 50	4,798 75	13,365 11
D. Columbia	573 08	875 93	30 00	9,472 05	19,709 17
Florida	33 90	225 00	17 00	1,033 80	3,704 60
Georgia.....	229 80	760 50	600 30	4,650 20	12,566 78
Illinois.....	216 69	12,251 16	3,890 17	61,964 21	262,866 69
Indiana.....	1,175 36	12,465 99	4,121 28	69,873 06	218,904 64
Iowa	66 90	4,224 23	1,511 19	25,804 68	100,260 67
Kansas	41 20	2,050 85	1,432 14	11,351 98	59,910 65
Kentucky...	608 93	4,076 50	707 41	25,258 16	32,924 98
Louisiana...	82 75	797 75	.....	4,760 95	11,891 35
L Pr. B.N.A.	6 50	668 29	384 75	2,533 20	12,734 40
Maine	8 56	2 489 85	.....	30,519 71	74,488 88
Maryland ...	474 94	8,133 20	1,634 69	71,930 36	94,536 98
Massachus'ts	255 50	10,193 35	3,826 24	67,323 71	211,751 30
Michigan ...	23 00	3,277 34	575 09	15,589 05	79,492 24
Minnesota...	.....	929 80	355 46	4,714 62	36,719 08
Mississippi..	21 00	720 60	10 00	2,151 25	12,420 22
Missouri....	4,887 95	5,483 30	1,885 95	44,072 50	104,287 05
Montana....	.....	350 00	45 00	1,533 10	7,777 21
Nebraska...	.....	405 00	356 10	3,033 28	29,540 93
Nevada.....	5 00	2 362 10	633 65	14,568 15	48,067 97
NewHamp..	.....	3 374 18	910 38	18,088 81	53,989 61
New Jersey..	141 13	12 227 03	1,791 72	58,654 51	222,098 35
New York..	593 57	39,622 52	.....	152,867 33	322,976 69
N. Carolina..	24 90	239 20	66 00	1,533 57	9,746 15
Ohio	260 13	14,388 83	4,891 91	113,708 43	323,435 59
Ontario.....	.....	2,665 10	1,936 66	27,409 88	105,835 08
Oregon	36 50	919 50	1,374 43	14,330 42	54,197 18
Pennsyl'nia..	655 15	73,537 72	.....	343,236 88	686,939 94
Quebec	10 00	45 00	116 50	981 75	5,341 70
Rh.Island ...	205 98	2,693 25	757 54	18,561 99	53,905 06
S. Carolina..	18 00	95 00	.....	886 00	2,810 36
Switzerland..	.....	139 45	46 00	450 55	2,081 97
Tennessee ..	865 50	982 25	327 15	11,462 87	29,751 75
Texas.....	269 30	2,012 55	71 50	7,885 50	82,203 57
Utah.....	.....	50 00	28 00	1,237 45	5,151 62
Vermont....	.....	528 00	.....	1,537 13	8,386 66
Virginia....	383 00	3,069 00	403 00	15,213 00	29,014 00
Washington	.....	299 65	625 50	2,432 55	12,219 63
W. Virginia..	9 50	2,331 78	780 00	11,636 09	22,790 50
Wisconsin ..	48 25	5,580 62	1,440 43	24,103 96	92,100 12
Wyoming...	.....	457 70	.....	1,149 45	5,487 28
	$13,387 77	$267,454 15	$52,352 84	$1,520,647 15	$4,178,506 24

ANNUAL REPORT *of Subordinate Lodges to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the* 31, 1880, *and names and location of Lodges chartered*

LODGES.	LOCATION.	Members, Dec. 31, 1879.	ADD.				Total.
			Error in last report.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated	
ARIZONA.							
Arizona.....No. 1	Prescott.....	38	....	18	5	1	62
Phœnix..... " 2	Phœnix.....	25	....	11	5	...	41
*Pima..... " 3	Tucson.....	.....	....	...	....	...	.....
†Pinal..... " 4	Pinal City.....	.....	....	...	....	...	.....
‡Cochise..... " 5	Tombstone.....	.....	....	...	....	...	.....
BARBADOS, W. INDIES.							
‖Americus.....No. 1	Bridgetown.....	.....	....	30	1	...	31
DENMARK, EUROPE.							
§Denmark.....No. 1	Copenhagen.....	.....	....	...	....	...	.....
§Scandinavian..... " 2	Copenhagen.....	.....	....	...	....	...	.....
§Nordstern..... " 3	Copenhagen.....	.....	....	...	..	...	.....
IDAHO.							
¶Pioneer..... " 1	Idaho City.....	.....	....	...	....	...	.....
¶Owyhee..... " 2	Silver City.....	.....	....	...	....	...	.....
¶Ada..... " 3	Boise City.....	.....	....	...	....	...	.....
¶Excelsior..... " 4	Centreville.....	.....	....	...	....	...	.....
¶Rocky Mountain.. " 5	Salmon City.....	.....	....	...	....	...	.....
¶Covenant..... " 6	Placerville.....	.....	....	...	....	...	.....
‖Mount Idaho..... " 7	Mt. Idaho.....	.....	....	14	12	...	26
**Lewiston..... " 8	Lewiston.....	.....	....	...	....	...	.....
INDIAN TERRITORY.							
Caddo.....No. 1	Caddo.....	23	5	2	....	...	30
Tishomingo..... " 2	Tishomingo.....	22	....	7	....	...	29
McAlister..... " 3	McAlister.....	32	....	12	2	...	46
MANITOBA, CANADA.							
Manitoba.....No. 1	Winnipeg.....	39	3	9	....	...	51
‖Portage..... " 3	Portage La Prairie	.....	....	31	8	...	39
‖Gateway City..... " 4	Emerson.....	.....	....	31	10	...	41
NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.							
Paradise.....No. 1	Amsterdam,Holl'd	56	....	16	....	...	72
Mount Sinai..... " 2	Amsterdam,Holl'd	74	....	18	....	...	92
††Prins Hendrik... " 3	Amsterdam,Holl'd	.....	....	...	....	...	.....
NEW MEXICO.							
Paradise.....No. 2	Santa Fe.....	42	....	5	1	...	48
Las Vegas..... " 4	Las Vegas.....	22	1	19	6	...	48
‡‡San Vicente..... " 5	Silver City.....	.....	..	...	....	...	.....
PERU, S. AMERICA.							
Lima.....No. 1	Lima.....	43	....	5	....	...	48
Fortschritt..... " 3	Lima.....	27	4	2	....	...	33
Chalaco..... " 4	Callao.....	65	2	...	....	...	67
SANDWICH ISLANDS.							
Excelsior.....No. 1	Honolulu.....	69	....	12	5	...	86
Harmony..... " 3	Honolulu.....	48	....	20	4	...	72
		625	9	262	59	1	962

*Instituted February 22d, 1881. †Instituted June 10th, 1881. ‡Instituted August 9th, 1881. ‖First report. §Reported to G. L. of the German Empire, Nos. 2 and 3 instituted by G. L. of the G. E. ¶Reported to G. L. of Oregon. **Instituted April 26th, 1881, and attached to G. L. of Washington. ††Instituted ———— ‡‡Instituted January 4th, 1881.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from January 1 to December between September 1, 1880, and September 1, 1881.

LODGES	LOCATION.	DEDUCT.					Members, Dec. 31, 1880.	Past Grands.
		Withd'wn by Card.	Suspended or dropped	Expelled.	Deceased.	Total.		
ARIZONA.								
Arizona.....No. 1	Prescott.....	....	2	..	1	3	59	11
Phœnix..... " 2	Phœnix	1	....	..	..	1	40	4
*Pima..... " 3	Tucson.....	....	....	..	..	...	.....	...
†Pinal ..... " 4	Pinal City.....	....	....	..	..	...	.....	...
‡Cochise..... " 5	Tombstone.....	....	....	..	..	...	.....	...
BARBADOS, W. INDIES.								
‖Americus.....No. 1	Bridgetown.....	3	7	..	..	10	21	1
DENMARK, EUROPE.								
§Denmark.....No. 1	Copenhagen	....	....	..	..	...	.....	...
§Scandinavian..... " 2	Copenhagen	....	....	..	..	...	.....	...
§Nordstern..... " 3	Copenhagen	...	....	..	..	...	.....	...
IDAHO.								
¶Pioneer.....No. 1	Idaho City.....	....	....	..	..	...	.....	...
¶Owyhee..... " 2	Silver City.....	....	....	..	..	...	.....	...
¶Ada..... " 3	Boise City.....	....	....	..	..	...	.....	...
¶Excelsior..... " 4	Centreville.....	....	....	..	..	...	.....	...
¶Rocky Mountain.. " 5	Salmon City.....	....	....	..	..	...	.....	...
¶Covenant. ..... " 6	Placerville.....	....	....	..	..	...	.....	...
‖Mount Idaho..... " 7	Mt. Idaho.....	....	....	..	1	1	25	...
**Lewiston..... " 8	Lewiston.....	....	....	..	..	...	.....	...
INDIAN TERRITORY.								
Caddo.....No. 1	Caddo.....	3	8	..	1	12	18	6
Tishomingo..... " 2	Tishomingo.....	....	....	..	2	2	27	4
McAlister..... " 3	McAlister.....	....	2	..	..	2	44	5
MANITOBA, CANADA.								
Manitoba.....No. 1	Winnipeg.....	1	4	2	..	7	44	10
‖Portage ..... " 3	Portage La Prairie	....	....	..	..	...	39	1
‖Gateway City.....No. 4	Emerson.....	1	....	..	..	1	40	3
NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.								
Paradise.....No. 1	Amsterdam,Holl'd	1	2	1	..	4	68	6
Mount Sinai..... " 2	Amsterdam,Holl'd	.. .	5	..	1	6	86	5
††Prins Hendrik... " 3	Amsterdam,Holl'd	....	....	..	..	...	.....	...
NEW MEXICO.								
Paradise.....No24	Santa Fe.....	....	5	..	1	6	42	12
Las Vegas..... "	Las Vegas.....	....	....	..	1	1	47	6
‡‡San Vicente..... " 5	Silver City.....	....	....	..	..	...	.....	...
PERU, S. AMERICA.								
Lima .....No. 1	Lima.....	1	2	..	1	3	45	4
Fortschritt ..... " 3	Lima.....	....	....	..	..	1	32	8
Chalaco ..... " 4	Callao.....	1	....	..	3	4	63	4
SANDWICH ISLANDS.								
Excelsior.....No. 1	Honolulu.....	....	....	..	2	2	84	22
Harmony..... " 3	Honolulu.....	6	....	..	1	7	65	10
		18	37	3	15	73	889	122

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ANNUAL REPORT *of Subordinate Lodges to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the* 31, 1880, *and names of Lodges chartered between*

LODGES.	No. of brothers relieved.	No. of weeks' benefits paid.	No. widowed families rel'd.	No. of brothers buried.	Amount paid for the relief of brothers.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.
ARIZONA.						
Arizona .....No. 1	2	6	.....	1	$58 00	.....
Phœnix..... " 2	4	9	.....	.....	56 00	.....
*Pima..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Pinal ..... " 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Cochise ..... " 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
BARBADOS, W. INDIES.						
†Americus .....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
DENMARK, EUROPE.						
‡Denmark.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Scandinavia ..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Nordstern..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
IDAHO.						
‖Pioneer.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‖Owyhee..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‖Ada ..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‖Excelsior... ..... " 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‖Rocky Mountain... " 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‖Covenant ..... " 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Mount Idaho..... " 7	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
*Lewiston ..... " 8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
INDIAN TERRITORY.						
Caddo.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Tishomingo ..... " 2	1	2	.....	2	6 00	.....
McAlister ..... " 3	44	44	.....	.....	218 00	.....
MANITOBA, CANADA.						
Manitoba .....No. 1	3	.....	.....	.....	123 45	.....
†Portage..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Gateway City.. ... " 4	1	4	.....	.....	12 00	.....
NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.						
Paradise.....No. 1	3	18	.....	.....	64 68	.....
Mount Sinai... ... " 2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
*Prins Hendrik..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NEW MEXICO.						
Paradise.....No. 2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Las Vegas..... " 4	1	19	.....	1	95 00	.....
*San Vicente..... " 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
PERU, S. AMERICA.						
Lima..... No. 1	3	9	1	1	90 00	$20 00
Fortschritt ..... " 3	3	8	.....	.....	80 00	.....
Chalaco..... " 4	3	11	1	3	110 00	60 00
SANDWICH ISLANDS.						
Excelsior .....No. 1	9	88	2	2	637 00	300 00
Harmony..... " 3	16	45	.....	1	314 00	.....
	93	263	4	15	$1,864 13	$380 00

*No report due. †First report. ‡Reported to G. L. of the German Empire. ‖Reported to G. L. of Oregon.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from January 1 to December September 1, 1880, and September 1, 1881.—Continued.

LODGES.	Amount paid for education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount of special relief.	Total relief.	Total rec'pts.
ARIZONA.					
Arizona.....No. 1	.....	$80 00	.....	$138 00	$1,347 20
Phœnix..... " 2	.....	30 00	.....	86 00	894 75
*Pima..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Pinal..... " 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Cocnise..... " 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
BARBADOS, W. INDIES.					
†Americus.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	286 70
DENMARK, EUROPE.					
‡Denmark.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Scandinavia..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Nordstern..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
IDAHO.					
‖Pioneer.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‖Owyhee..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‖Ada..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‖Excelsior..... " 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‖Rocky Mountain... " 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‖Covenant..... " 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Mount Idaho..... " 7	.....	.....	.....	.....	539 00
*Lewiston..... " 8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
INDIAN TERRITORY.					
Caddo.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	107 15
Tishomingo..... " 2	.....	30 00	.....	36 00	211 61
McAlister..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	218 00	506 60
MANITOBA, CANADA.					
Manitoba..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	123 45	375 25
†Portage..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	511 19
†Gateway City..... " 4	.....	.....	.....	12 00	621 35
NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.					
Paradise.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	64 68	501 10
Mount Sinai..... " 2	.....	19 00	.....	19 00	537 04
*Prins Hendrik..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NEW MEXICO.					
Paradise.....No. 2	.....	15 20	.....	15 20	544 50
Las Vegas..... " 4	.....	50 00	.....	145 00	1,028 00
*San Vicente..... " 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
PERU, S. AMERICA.					
Lima.....No. 1	.....	60 00	$65 70	235 70	879 85
Fortschritt..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	80 00	435 10
Chalaco..... " 4	49 00	.....	.....	219 00	460 75
SANDWICH ISLANDS.					
Excelsior.....No. 1	351 35	188 50	.....	1,476 85	1,815 85
Harmony..... " 3	.....	90 00	.....	404 00	1,355 00
	$400 35	$562 70	$65 70	$3,272 88	$12,957 99

*No report due. †First report. ‡Reported to G. L. of the German Empire. ‖Reported to G. L. of Oregon.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Encampments to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the* 1880, *and name and date of institution of Grand Encamp*

JURISDICTION.	No. of Encampments.	Members, Dec. 31, 1879.	ADD.				Total.
			Error in last report.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated	
*Alabama	9	150	....	.....	.....	.....	150
Arkansas	6	128	....	3	1	2	134
California	60	3,626	....	198	13	21	3,858
Colorado	15	379	....	86	38	13	516
Connecticut	20	1,812	....	140	4	7	1,963
†Dakota	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Delaware	9	334	...	33	.....	3	370
District Columbia	4	507	....	11	1	2	521
Georgia	12	395	....	29	1	11	436
Illinois	175	4,926	....	634	67	122	5,749
Indiana	135	5,113	....	245	110	46	5,514
Iowa	98	3,239	....	363	80	47	3,729
Kansas	29	921	....	61	9	14	1,005
Kentucky	52	2,153	....	78	6	12	2,249
Louisiana	5	161	....	8	.....	1	170
Maine	30	2,903	....	203	4	8	3,118
Maryland	28	1,790	....	18	.....	.....	1,808
Massachusetts	46	5,947	....	397	24	27	6,395
Michigan	73	2,075	....	196	29	35	2,335
Minnesota	21	545	....	131	24	2	702
Mississippi	11	188	....	48	7	4	247
Missouri	75	1,797	....	275	23	30	2,125
Nebraska	12	278	....	56	20	18	372
Nevada	10	426	....	28	3	2	459
New Hampshire	27	2,249	....	157	17	11	2,434
New Jersey	48	2,160	....	141	25	18	2,344
‖New York	93	4,827	....	544	34	36	5,441
North Carolina	12	194	....	7	3	2	206
Ohio	222	10,254	....	600	109	104	11,067
Ontario	47	1,773	....	267	33	15	2,088
Oregon	18	507	....	26	7	1	541
Pennsylvania	205	10,855	....	728	69	91	11,743
Rhode Island	18	1,301	....	44	3	8	1,356
‡South Carolina	3	258	....	16	7	.....	281
Tennessee	27	310	....	21	24	18	373
Texas	60	1,042	....	150	29	29	1,250
Vermont	8	324	....	67	2	3	396
Virginia	17	610	....	21	2	6	639
West Virginia	26	658	....	24	1	7	690
Wisconsin	63	1,824	....	95	8	.....	1,927
	1,829	78,939		6,149	837	776	86,701

*No report received. †Instituted August 10th, 1881. ‡Report is for five years.
‖ Report received September 23d, 1881.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from January 1 *to December* 31, *ments from September* 1, 1880, *to September* 1, 1881.

JURISDICTION.	DEDUCT.						Members, Dec. 31, 1880.
	Error in last report.	Withd'wn by Card.	Suspended or dropped	Expelled.	Deceased.	Total.	
*Alabama	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150
Arkansas	....	1	19	.....	2	22	112
California	....	55	313	4	51	423	3,435
Colorado	....	44	24	2	4	74	442
Connecticut	....	10	90	1	13	114	1,849
†Dakota	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Delaware	....	.. ..	31	.....	3	34	336
District Columbia	....	2	57	.....	6	65	456
Georgia	....	8	15	1	8	32	404
Illinois	....	113	384	17	46	560	6,189
Indiana	....	76	367	3	50	496	5,018
Iowa	....	54	253	2	16	325	3,404
Kansas	....	24	61	3	9	97	908
Kentucky	....	13	121	2	14	150	2,099
Louisiana	....	3	2	.....	6	11	159
Maine	....	40	69	8	18	135	2,983
Maryland	....	.....	202	.....	24	226	1,582
Massachusetts	....	49	209	2	64	324	6,071
Michigan	....	33	328	4	11	376	1,959
Minnesota	....	8	70	1	4	83	619
Mississippi	....	5	24	.....	1	30	217
Missouri	...	28	209	4	16	257	1,868
Nebraska	....	8	18	.....	2	28	344
Nevada	....	10	43	2	4	59	400
New Hampshire	....	39	87	.....	26	152	2,282
New Jersey	...	22	129	1	23	175	2,169
New York	....	43	424	5	73	545	4,896
North Carolina	....	.....	12	.....	.....	12	194
Ohio	18	100	659	18	121	916	10,151
Ontario	....	43	101	2	17	163	1,925
Oregon	....	14	9	.....	5	28	513
Pennsylvania	...	89	839	9	141	1,078	10,665
Rhode Island	....	5	101	.....	13	119	1,237
South Carolina	....	5	249	.....	.....	254	27
Tennessee	...	4	22	3	8	37	336
Texas	....	26	120	3	6	155	1,095
Vermont	....	15	26	.....	8	49	347
Virginia	....	7	20	.....	9	36	603
West Virginia	....	.....	61	1	3	65	625
Wisconsin	....	23	128	1	12	164	1,763
	18	1,019	5,896	99	837	7,869	78,832

*No report received. †Instituted August 10th, 1881.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Encampments to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the* 1880, *and names and date of institution of Grand Encampments*

JURISDICTION.	No. of Patriarchs reliev'd	No. of weeks' benefits paid.	No. of widow'd families relieved.	No. of Patriarchs buried.	Amount paid for the relief of Patriarchs.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.
*Alabama	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arkansas	4	8	.....	2	$16 00	.....
California	397	2,217	23	51	13,003 75	$570 00
Colorado	24	98	.....	4	240 00	.....
Connecticut	131	1,377	.....	13	2,486 00	.....
†Dakota	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Delaware	39	148	.....	3	477 75	.....
District Columbia	47	347	2	6	1,041 46	217 00
Georgia	30	86	.....	8	258 00	.....
Illinois	301	1,057	8	46	3,130 75	596 90
Indiana	380	2,343	3	50	5,482 47	55 00
Iowa	156	816	.....	16	1,602 15	.....
Kansas	31	213	1	9	639 00	10 00
Kentucky	152	959	19	14	2,530 50	60 00
Louisiana	8	27	.....	6	81 00	.....
Maine	199	2,012	.....	18	6,697 39	.....
Maryland	344	2,260	27	24	4,868 75	2,433 19
Massachusetts	384	2,498	5	64	6,149 68	61 75
Michigan	24	55	1	11	298 32	30 00
Minnesota	24	52	.....	4	213 00	.....
Mississippi	25	44	.....	1	215 75	.....
Missouri	96	413	5	16	1,644 50	54 15
Nebraska	6	42	.....	2	126 00	.....
Nevada	21	151	.....	4	696 25	.....
New Hampshire	197	1,049	.....	26	1,509 01	.....
New Jersey	214	2,089	.....	23	5,433 36	.....
‖New York	152	1,380	9	73	4,832 90	387 00
North Carolina	1	28	.....	.....	28 00	.....
Ohio	994	6,687	15	121	23,712 02	359 00
Ontario	136	624	6	17	783 46	30 00
Oregon	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....
Pennsylvania	1,554	11,934	28	141	38,675 75	359 25
Rhode Island	38	419	.....	13	2,155 28	.....
‡South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee	15	45	18	8	201 16	212 50
Texas	90	29	.....	6	418 00	.....
Vermont	18	.....	.....	8	155 85	.....
Virginia	53	252	3	9	489 50	36 00
West Virginia	77	443	.....	3	1,626 50	.....
Wisconsin	22	60	1	12	412 22	31 00
	6,384	42,262	174	837	$132,331 48	$5,502 74

*No report received. †Instituted Aug. 10th, 1881. ‡No relief or receipts reported.
‖ Report received September 23d, 1881.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from January 1 to December 31, from September 1, 1880, to September 1, 1881.—Continued.

JURISDICTION.	Amount paid for education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount of special relief.	Total relief.	Total rec'pts.
*Alabama	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arkansas	.....	.....	.....	$16 00	$128 05
California	.....	$1,985 25	$786 00	16,345 00	41,802 75
Colorado	.....	30 00	.....	270 00	2,996 25
Connecticut	.....	270 00	149 25	2,905 25	7,132 35
†Dakota	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Delaware	.....	210 00	.....	687 75	1,217 27
District Columbia	.....	120 00	.....	1,378 46	2,919 55
Georgia	.....	184 00	.....	442 00	1,319 96
Illinois	.....	456 25	.....	4,183 90	16,927 92
Indiana	.....	1,482 00	27 75	7,047 22	17,825 43
Iowa	.....	220 00	69 30	1,891 45	8,010 19
Kansas	.....	59 00	.....	708 00	4,235 00
Kentucky	$15 40	551 00	90 90	3,247 80	5,514 19
Louisiana	.....	50 00	.....	131 00	746 75
Maine	.....	286 00	.....	6,983 39	15,380 66
Maryland	.....	1,240 00	15 00	8,556 94	8,954 23
Massachusetts	.....	1,340 75	503 50	8,055 68	28,585 93
Michigan	.....	116 40	.....	444 72	4,637 05
Minnesota	.....	50 00	.....	263 00	3,521 33
Mississippi	.....	10 00	.....	225 75	1,104 50
Missouri	.....	105 80	.....	1,804 45	6,891 75
Nebraska	.....	15 00	10 00	151 00	1,659 02
Nevada	.....	72 25	9 00	777 50	4,337 69
New Hampshire	.....	285 00	10 00	1,804 01	6,609 14
New Jersey	.....	868 33	.....	6,301 69	10,978 20
New York	.....	2,568 73	.....	7,788 63	23,048 11
North Carolina	.....	.....	.....	28 00	350 16
Ohio	.....	2,781 90	.....	26,852 92	55,580 45
Ontario	.....	195 00	74 50	1,082 96	6,419 15
Oregon	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,223 31
Pennsylvania	5 00	10,518 65	.....	49,558 65	78,609 21
Rhode Island	.....	295 00	.....	2,450 28	6,227 96
‡South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee	.....	180 00	.....	593 66	1,371 28
Texas	.....	7 50	84 00	509 50	4,529 83
Vermont	.....	55 00	70 14	280 99	772 97
Virginia	.....	112 00	.....	637 50	1,630 12
West Virginia	.....	214 60	.....	1,841 10	2,229 58
Wisconsin	.....	170 00	.....	613 22	3,086 69
	$20 40	$27,105 41	$1,899 34	$166,859 37	$390,513 98

*No report received. †Instituted Aug. 10th, 1881. ‡No relief or receipts reported.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Subordinate Encampments to the Sovereign Grand Lodge cember* 31, 1880, *and names and location of Encampments*

ENCAMPMENTS.	LOCATION.	Members, Dec. 31, 1879.	ADD.				Total.
			Error in last report.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated	
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.							
*Vancouver.....No. 1	Victoria.....	....	....	..	....	..	....
*Harmony..... " 2	New Westminster..	....	....	..	....	..	....
DAKOTA.							
Royal Purple.....No. 1	Sioux Falls.....	33	....	5	....	..	38
Yankton..... " 2	Yankton.....	32	....	1	4	..	37
Hesperian..... " 3	Elk Point.....	12	....	3	....	..	15
Golden Rule..... " 4	Bismarck.....	....	....	1	9	..	10
Black Hills..... " 5	Deadwood.....	....	....	4	10	..	14
†Sinai..... " 6	Grand Forks.....	....	....	..	....	..	....
FLORIDA.							
Florida.....No. 1	Jacksonville.....	24	....	..	1	..	25
Aucilla..... " 2	Tallahassee.....	32	....	2	1	..	35
Excelsior..... " 4	Pensacola.....	16	....	..	....	..	16
Key West..... " 5	Key West.....	47	....	..	....	..	47
‡Withlacoochie..... " 6	Ellaville.....	....	....	6	7	..	13
IDAHO.							
Idaho.....No. 1	Boise City.....	26	....	2	....	1	29
LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A							
Stuart.....No. 10	Pictou, N. S.....	30	....	..	....	..	30
Milicete..... " 11	St. John, N. B.....	71	1	1	....	..	73
Halifax..... " 12	Halifax, N. S.	26	....	10	....	..	36
Port La Joie..... " 13	Charlottetown, P. E. I,	33	....	4	....	..	37
MANITOBA, CANADA.							
§Harmony.....No. 1	Winnipeg.....	9	....	..	....	..	9
MONTANA.							
Rocky Mountain....No. 1	Helena.....	37	....	6	1	..	44
Golden Star..... " 2	Deer Lodge City....	19	....	1	....	..	20
‡Crusader .... " 3	Butte City.....	....	....	21	10	..	31
NEW MEXICO.							
Centennial .....No. 3	Santa Fe.....	16	....	1	1	..	18
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.							
§Atahualpa.....No. 1	Lima.....	27	....	..	....	..	27
QUEBEC, CANADA.							
‖Montreal.....No. 1	Montreal.....	....	....	..	....	..	....
SANDWICH ISLANDS							
Polynesia.....No. 1	Honolulu.....	29	....	12	1	..	42
UTAH.							
¶Oquirrh.....No. 1	Salt Lake City.....	.. .	....	..	....	..	....
WASHINGTON.							
*Alpha.....No. 1	Olympia.....	....	....	..	....	..	....
*Unity..... " 2	Seattle.....	....	....	..	....	..	....
**Walla Walla..... " 3	Walla Walla.....	....	....	..	....	..	....
††Washington..... " 4	Port Gamble.....	....	....	..	....	..	....
WYOMING.							
Wyoming.....No. 1	Laramie.....	31	....	7	....	..	38
Hope..... " 2	Cheyenne..... ..	22	....	1	1	..	24
‡‡Harmony..... " 3	Fort Laramie.....	....	....	..	....	..	....
		572	1	88	46	1	708

*Reported to G. Enc't of Oregon. †Instituted April 25th, 1881. ‡First report. §No report received. ‖Reported to G. E. of Ontario. ¶Reported to G. E. of California. **Instituted March 28th, 1881, and transferred to G. E. of Oregon. ††Instituted August 26th, 1881. ‡‡Instituted July 9th, 1881.

of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from January 1 to De-instituted between September 1, 1880, and September 1, 1881.

ENCAMPMENTS.	DEDUCT.						Members, Dec. 31, 1880.	Past Chief Patriarchs.
	Error in last report.	Withd'wn by Card.	Suspended or dropped	Expelled.	Deceased.	Total.		
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.								
*Vancouver.....No. 1	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
*Harmony..... " 2	....	....	....	....	...	...	....	....
DAKOTA.								
Royal Purple.....No. 1	....	1	....	...	....	1	37	10
Yankton..... " 2	....	1	2	....	....	3	34	10
Hesperian..... " 3	....	....	....	....	....	....	15	5
Golden Rule..... " 4	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	2
Black Hills..... " 5	....	....	....	....	....	....	14	2
†Sinai..... " 6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
FLORIDA.								
Florida.....No. 1	1	....	....	....	....	1	24	7
Aucilla..... " 2	2	7	2	....	....	11	24	9
Excelsior..... " 4	....	....	....	....	1	1	15	5
Key West..... " 5	....	....	....	....	....	....	47	9
‡Withlacoochie..... " 6	....	....	....	....	....	....	13	....
IDAHO.								
Idaho.....No. 1	....	....	1	...	1	2	27	7
LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.								
Stuart.....No. 10	....	1	....	....	....	1	29	8
Milicete..... " 11	....	....	....	....	....	....	73	7
Halifax..... " 12	....	....	....	....	1	1	35	4
Port La Joie..... " 13	....	....	....	....	1	1	36	8
MANITOBA, CANADA.								
§Harmony.....No. 1	....	...	....	....	....	....	9	2
MONTANA.								
Rocky Mountain.....No. 1	....	4	3	....	1	8	36	6
Golden Star..... " 2	....	1	....	....	....	1	19	4
‡Crusader..... " 3	....	....	....	....	....	....	31	3
NEW MEXICO.								
Centennial.....No. 3	4	....	1	....	1	6	12	....
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.								
Atahualpa.....No. 1	....	....	....	....	....	....	27	3
QTEBEC, CANADA.								
‖Montreal .....No. 1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
SANDWICH ISLANDS.								
Polynesia.....No. 1	....	2	....	....	1	3	39	10
UTAH.								
¶Oquirrh .....No. 1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
WASHINGTON.								
*Alpha .....No. 1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
*Unity..... " 2	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
**Walla Walla..... " 3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
††Washington..... " 4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
WYOMING.								
Wyoming.....No. 1	....	1	1	....	....	2	36	8
Hope..... " 2	....	....	....	....	....	....	24	9
‡‡Harmony..... " 3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	7	18	10		7	42	666	138

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ANNUAL REPORT *of Subordinate Encampments to the Sovereign Grand Lodge cember* 31, 1880, *and names and location of Encampments instituted*

ENCAMPMENTS.	No. of Patriarchs relieved.	No. of weeks' benefits paid.	No. of widow'd families relieved.	No. of Patriarchs buried.	Amount paid for the relief of Patriarchs	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.						
*Vancouver.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
*Harmony.....“ 2	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
DAKOTA.						
Royal Purple..... ....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Yankton..... “ 2	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Hesperian..... “ 3	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....
Golden Rule..... “ 4	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Black Hills..... “ 5	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
†Sinai..... “ 6	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
FLORIDA.						
Florida..... .....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Aucilla ..... “ 2	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Excelsior..... “ 4	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Key West..... “ 5	1	2	.....	....	$2 00	.....
Withlacootchie..... “ 6	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
IDAHO.						
Idaho .....No. 1	3	5	.....	1	25 00	.....
LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.						
Stuart.....No. 10	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Milicete..... “ 11	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Halifax ..... “ 12	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Port La Joie ..... “ 13	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
MANITOBA, CANADA.						
‡Harmony.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
MONTANA.						
Rocky Mountain.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Golden Star..... “ 2	1	2	.....	....	10 00	.....
Crusader..... “ 3	1	8	.....	....	40 00	.....
NEW MEXICO.						
Centennial .... “ 3	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.						
‡Atahualpa.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
QUEBEC, CANADA.						
§Montreal.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
SANDWICH ISLANDS.						
Polynesia.... .....No. 1	4	17	.....	1	112 00	.....
UTAH,						
‖Oquirrh.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
WASHINGTON.						
*Alpha.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
*Unity ..... “ 2	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
¶Walla Walla..... “ 3	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
†Washiington..... “ 4	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
WYOMING.						
Wyoming.....No. 1	1	2	.....	....	10 00	.....
Hope ..... “ 2	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
†Harmony..... “ 3	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
	11	36	.....	7	199 00	.....

*Reported to G. E. of Oregon. †No report due. ‡No report received. §Reported to G. E. of Ontario. ‖Reported to G. E. of California. ¶No report due; transferred to G. E. of Oregon.

of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from January 1 *to De-between September* 1, 1880, *and September* 1, 1881.—Continued.

ENCAMPMENTS.	Amount paid for education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount of special relief.	Total relief.	Total rec'pts.
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.					
*Vancouver.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Harmony..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
DAKOTA.					
Royal Purple.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	$87 40
Yankton..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	61 42
Hesperian..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 00
Golden Rule..... " 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	115 25
Black Hills..... " 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00
†Sinai..... " 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
FLORIDA.					
Florida.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 75
Aucilla..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 65
Excelsior..... " 4	.....	$20 00	.....	$20 00	75 00
Key West..... " 5	.....	.....	.....	2 00	148 11
Withlacootchie..... " 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	61 00
IDAHO.					
Idaho.....No. 1	.....	40 00		65 00	267 00
LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.					
Stuart.....No. 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 03
Milicete..... " 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	160 52
Halifax..... " 12	.....	.....	.....	.....	117 50
Port La Joie..... " 13	.....	.....	.....	.....	71 25
MANITOBA, CANADA.					
‡Harmony.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MONTANA.					
Rocky Mountain.....No. 1	.....	50 00	.....	50 00	572 13
Golden Star..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	10 00	176 75
Crusader..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	40 00	805 50
NEW MEXICO.					
Centennial.....No. 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	117 00
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.					
‡Atahualpa.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
QUEBEC, CANADA.					
§Montreal.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SANDWICH ISLANDS.					
Polynesia.....No. 1	.....	35 00	.....	147 00	737 00
UTAH.					
‖Oquirrh.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
WASHINGTON.					
*Alpha..... No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Unity..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
¶Walla Walla..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Washington..... " 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
WYOMING.					
Wyoming.....No. 1	.....	.....	$40 00	50 00	257 75
Hope..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 50
†Harmony..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	.....	$145 00	$40 00	$384 00	$4,290 51

*Reported to G. E. of Oregon. †No report due. ‡No report received. §Reported to G. E. of Ontario. ‖Reported to G. E. of California. ¶No report due; transferred to G. E. of Oregon.

DEGREE LODGES OF THE

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Lodges to the Sovereign Grand Lodge January 1 to*

JURISDICTION.	No. of Lodges.	Degree conferred on					Members, Dec. 31, 1879.		Admitt'd du'g year		Total.	
		Brothers.	Wives of Brothers.	Daughters	Sisters.	Widows.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.
Alabama	7	34	27	11	8	13	112	106	34	59	146	165
California	57	116	....	...	174	..	1,239	1,274	290	302	1,529	1,576
*Colorado	...	.....	.....	...	...	..	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Connecticut	16	115	108	...	...	..	617	744	115	108	732	852
Delaware	1	...	....	...	...	..	14	10	....	....	14	10
D.Columbia	1	...	....	...	...	..	20	60	....	2	20	62
*Georgia	...	.....	.....	...	...	..	60	37	....	....	60	37
Illinois	57	155	124	42	12	6	1,042	1,121	233	243	1,275	1,364
Indiana	200	135	107	30	2	10	1,219	1,252	132	152	1,351	1,404
Iowa	90	161	131	10	4	5	935	873	161	150	1,096	1,023
Kansas	31	78	...	...	72	..	330	286	78	72	408	358
Kentucky	23	....	6	7	4	..	214	197	4	13	218	210
Louisiana	1	....	....	...	1	..	11	11	1	1	12	12
*L. Pro. B.N.A.	...	.....	.....	...	...	..	9	11	....	....	9	11
Maine	19	95	105	1	...	4	989	961	95	110	1,084	1,071
Massachusetts	30	99	121	..	...	7	1,566	1,705	220	222	1,786	1,927
Michigan	45	61	50	5	3	3	534	528	84	83	618	611
Missouri	24	35	23	...	...	4	287	281	113	94	400	375
Nebraska	15	4	4	...	...	..	77	78	4	4	81	82
Nevada	2	7	8	1	...	..	19	56	47	37	66	93
N. Hampshire	12	55	52	...	...	4	733	736	91	84	824	820
N. Jersey	30	59	40	..	..	..	659	688	88	62	747	750
*N. York	...	.....	.....	...	...	..	1,229	1,732	....	....	1,229	1,732
*N. Carolina	...	.....	.....	...	...	..	24	10	....	....	24	10
Ohio	65	248	202	9	...	9	1,045	1,257	585	405	1,630	1,662
*Ontario	...	.....	.....	...	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oregon	11	20	....	...	34	..	127	102	20	34	147	136
Pennsylvania	75	64	103	...	...	1	750	985	84	98	834	1,083
R. Island	15	46	30	...	...	3	521	523	37	37	558	560
*Texas	...	.....	.....	...	...	..	104	71	....	....	104	71
Vermont	4	1	1	...	...	..	172	103	1	1	173	104
†Virginia	...	....	....	...	...	..	15	13	....	....	15	13
W. Virginia	15	....	....	...	...	..	203	468	195	72	398	540
Wisconsin	53	....	170	...	...	..	887	946	173	170	1,060	1,116
*Wyoming	...	....	....	...	...	..	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
	899	1588	1412	116	314	69	15,763	17,225	2885	2615	18,648	19,840

*No report received. †Lodge reported in 1880, not in existence.

DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH.

of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from December 31, 1880.

DEDUCT.										Members, Dec. 31, 1880.		Not attchd to R. D. Lodges.		Total of the Degree.
Withd'wn		Dropped.		Exp'l'd		Deceased.		Total.						
Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	
...	...	.....	.....	..	..	...	1	.....	1	146	164	150	71	531
17	12	114	92	..	..	6	12	137	116	1,392	1,460	.....	.....	2,852
...	...	.....	.....	..	..	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	12	23	22	7	3	4	7	46	44	686	808	....	.....	1,494
...	...	.....	.....	..	..	...	...	.....	.....	14	10	.....	.....	24
...	...	7	17	..	..	...	2	7	19	13	43	.....	... .	56
...	...	.....	.....	..	..	...	...	.....	.....	60	37	.....	.....	97
3	7	72	100	1	2	12	9	88	118	1,187	1,246	.....	.....	2,433
3	5	86	53	..	1	13	6	102	65	1,249	1,339	.....	1,222	3,810
1	7	253	170	1	2	3	3	258	182	838	841	.....	.....	1,679
...	...	78	72	..	..	...	...	78	72	330	286	1,640	720	2,976
...	...	.....	.....	..	..	...	...	.....	.....	218	210	114	15	557
1	...	.....	.....	..	..	1	...	2	.....	10	12	.....	.....	22
...	...	.....	.....	..	..	...	...	.....	.....	9	11	.....	.....	20
9	2	95	86	..	..	9	8	113	96	971	975	.....	.....	1,946
31	27	140	95	..	..	8	12	179	134	1,607	1,793	.....	.....	3,400
9	5	72	48	..	..	5	2	86	55	532	556	.....	228	1,316
6	8	14	14	..	..	2	...	22	22	378	353	9	2	742
...	...	4	3	..	..	...	...	4	3	77	79	.....	.....	156
3	5	3	5	..	..	...	...	6	10	60	83	.....	.....	143
7	8	17	12	..	..	6	7	30	27	794	793	.....	.....	1,587
2	3	47	37	..	..	3	4	52	44	695	706	.....	.....	1,401
...	...	.....	.....	..	..	...	...	.....	.....	1,229	1,732	.....	.....	2,961
...	...	.....	.....	..	..	...	...	.....	.....	24	10	.....	.....	34
4	6	93	106	..	..	8	9	105	121	1,525	1,541	....	.....	3,066
...	...	...	.....	..	..	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
...	...	39	41	..	..	...	2	39	43	108	93	927	476	1,604
..	...	266	361	..	..	4	7	270	368	564	715	.....	.....	1,279
9	12	47	31	..	..	2	5	58	48	500	512	.....	.....	1,012
...	...	.....	.....	..	..	...	...	.....	.....	104	71	.....	.....	175
...	...	.....	.....	..	..	...	...	.....	.....	173	104	241	.....	518
...	...	15	13	..	..	...	...	15	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
...	...	.....	.....	..	..	...	...	.....	.....	398	540	1,600	1,000	3,538
7	7	169	164	..	..	5	6	181	177	879	939	.....	2,241	4,059
...	...	.....	.....	..	..	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
124	126	1,654	1,542	9	8	91	102	1,878	1,778	16,770	18,062	4,681	5,975	45,488

DEGREE LODGES OF THE

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Lodges to the Sovereign Grand Lodge January 1 to December*

JURISDICTION.	No. relieved.				No. dec'd		AMOUNT PAID FOR RELIEF.			
	Brothers.	Sisters.	Wid. fam.	Orphans.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Wid. fam.	Orphans.
Alabama	4	12	16	..	..	1	$4 00	$12 00	$80 00	.....
California	6	21	4	..	6	12	30 00	416 00	67 00	.....
*Colorado	..	...	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Connecticut	..	...	..	..	..	..	.....	180 00	20 00	.....
Delaware	..	...	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
District Columbia	..	7	..	..	..	2	.....	75 00	.....	.....
*Georgia	..	...	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Illinois	12	38	..	..	12	9	69 40	235 25	.....	.....
Indiana	2	33	..	2	13	6	5 00	208 00	.....	$30 00
Iowa	6	8	..	..	3	3	45 00	83 00	.....	.....
Kansas	..	1	..	..	1	2	.....	10 88	.....	.....
Kentucky	..	6	..	..	..	..	.....	38 00	.....	.....
Louisiana	1	...	..	..	1	..	20 00	.....	.....	.....
*L. Prov. B. N. A.	..	...	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maine	..	7	..	..	9	8	.....	43 22	.....	.....
Massachusetts	..	21	1	..	8	12	.....	448 00	11 00	.....
Michigan	..	6	1	..	5	2	.....	40 00	20 00	.....
Missouri	..	5	2	..	2	..	.....	45 50	10 00	.....
Nebraska	..	...	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nevada	3	10	1	..	..	..	53 00	54 75	10 00	.....
N. Hampshire	..	2	..	..	6	7	.....	75 00	.....	.....
N. Jersey	2	33	..	..	3	4	10 00	324 50	.....	.....
*N. York	..	...	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
*N. Carolina	..	...	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ohio	..	10	..	..	8	9	.....	206 55	.....	.....
*Ontario	..	...	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oregon	..	1	..	..	..	2	.....	45 00	.....	.....
Pennsylvania	10	26	2	..	4	7	95 00	269 00	15 00	.....
R. Island	..	...	..	..	2	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Texas	..	...	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont	..	...	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Virginia	..	...	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Virginia	..	3	..	..	..	..	.....	90 80	.....	.....
Wisconsin	6	14	1	..	5	6	42 00	203 00	15 00	.....
*Wyoming	..	...	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
	52	264	28	2	88	97	$373 40	$3,103 45	$248 00	$30 00

*No report received. †Lodge reported in 1880, not in existence.

DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH.

of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from 31, 1880.—Continued.

JURISDICTION.	AMOUNT PAID FOR RELIEF.			Paid for expenses.	Total receipts.	Total assets.
	Burying the dead.	Special relief.	Total relief.			
Alabama...	$15 00	.....	$111 00	$63 00	$230 50	$222 25
California..	128 00	.....	641 00	2,781 90	4,268 20	5,509 62
*Colorado..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Connecticut	53 00	.....	253 00	1,192 43	2,773 64	8,417 20
Delaware ..	.....	.....	.....	9 40	5 85	19 50
D. Columbia	40 00	.....	115 00	77 84	173 67	315 00
*Georgia...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Illinois	196 50	$2 50	503 65	1,351 54	2,537 90	3,755 49
Indiana....	79 00	.....	322 00	825 62	1,129 22	3,568 34
Iowa.....	.....	.....	128 00	628 59	1,045 62	1,657 93
Kansas	.....	.....	10 88	253 63	269 45	227 55
Kentucky..	.....	.....	38 00	488 03	355 11	3,351 57
Louisiana..	.....	.....	20 00	26 25	49 00	69 25
*L.Pr.B.N.A.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maine.....	9 75	.....	52 97	508 83	842 86	2,206 20
Massach'tts.	98 80	142 42	700 22	3,385 03	4,265 83	12,296 87
Michigan ..	25 00	.....	85 00	401 55	692 60	749 05
Missouri ...	.....	17 75	73 25	799 75	914 70	1,329 75
Nebraska ..	.....	.....	.....	112 35	99 80	130 10
Nevada....	.....	.....	117 75	342 45	689 80	2,034 86
N. Hamp...	5 00	.....	80 00	754 95	735 70	2,172 52
N Jersey ..	46 50	.....	381 00	.....	1,458 15	.....
*N. York ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*N.Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ohio.....	80 50	21 25	308 30	1,364 06	5,509 04	4,031 39
*Ontario...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oregon	.....	.....	45 00	.....	489 41	.....
Pennsylv'a.	40 00	.....	419 00	615 17	1,537 11	3,808 78
Rh. Island .	.....	.....	.....	1,427 59	1,592 01	4,063 26
*Texas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont...	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 50	.....
†Virginia ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. Virginia	.....	.....	90 80	126 78	255 90	1,381 50
Wisconsin .	45 00	15 00	320 00	86 17	632 48	4,854 91
*Wyoming.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$862 05	$198 92	$4,815 82	$17,622 91	$32,578 05	$66,172 89

*No report received. †Lodge reported in 1880, not in existence.

On motion of Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, the report was referred to the committee appointed to distribute the subjects of the report of the Grand Sire to appropriate committees.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer submitted his annual report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The undersigned, in accordance with the provisions of the first Section of Article VII of the Constitution, presents herewith an annual statement of the monetary affairs of the department of the Grand Treasurer for the fiscal year ending with the 31st of August, 1881. The statement embraces the condition of the monetary department of the treasury at the commencement and at the termination of the fiscal year aforesaid.

DR. GRAND TREASURER.

1880.				
Aug.	31.	To cash balance in the treasury at this date, as per the report of the Grand Treasurer, page 8286 of the Journal of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, session of 1880		$18,210 31
Nov.	2.	Proceeds of sale of $1,000 of United States bonds of 1881, at 4⅝ per ct. premium..	$1,046 25	
Dec.	2.	Proceeds of sale of $2,000 of United States bonds of 1881, at 4⅛ per ct. premium..	2,082 50	
1881.				
May	2.	Proceeds of sale of $2,000 of United States bonds of 1881, at 3⅝ per ct. premium.	2,072 50	
				5,201 25
		All of these bonds would mature on 1st July, 1881.		
Feb.	2.	Six months' interest on $2,000 of United States bonds of 1881	60 00	
March	3.	Three months' interest on $5,000 of United States coupon bonds of 4½ per cent...	56 25	
July	1.	Six months' interest on $8,700 of United States coupon bonds, 4 per cents., due this date	174 00	
"	"	Six months' interest on $5,000 of United States coupon 4½ per cent. bonds, due June 1st, 1881	112 50	
"	"	Three months' interest on $10,000 ditto, due June 1st, 1881	112 50	
				515 25
1880.				
Nov.	2.	Amount transferred from Trust Fund account, in accordance with resolution of Sept. 25th, 1880....		100 00
1881.				
April	9.	Wildey Monument Fund, insurance on bonds.....		5 00
Aug.	31.	To this sum received from Grand Secretary, on account of sales of supplies, dues of Subordinate Grand Bodies, and from Grand Representative tax, for the fiscal year ending this date.....		85,076 33
		Aggregate.....		$109,108 14

CR. GRAND TREASURER.

1880.				
Sept.	27.	By this sum paid to Grand Officers and Grand Representatives, etc., that attended the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Toronto, in September, 1880, for mileage and per diem expenses, as per the reports of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, pages 8426, 8459, 8474 of the Journal of 1880		$17,731 40
1881.				
Feb.	1.	By this sum paid for $5,000 of United States 4 per cent. coupon bonds, at 13⅓ premium and ¼ per cent. commission, as per resolution page 8467 Journal of the session of 1880	$5,668 75	
"	4	This sum paid for $3,700 of the same kind of bonds at 12¾ per ct. premium, net	4,171 75	
"	18.	This sum paid for $5,000 of United States 4½ per cent. bonds—coupon—at 12⅝ and ¼ per cent. commission	5,643 75	
Mar.	17.	This sum paid for $5,000 of United States coupon 4½ per cent. bonds at 11⅝ and ¼ commission	5,593 75	
April	7.	This sum paid for $5,000 same kind bonds at 12¾ premium and ¼ commission	5,650 00	
May	7.	This sum paid for $3,000 of same kind of bonds at 14⅝ premium and commission, etc	3,447 75	
June	11.	This sum paid for $5,000 of same kind of bonds at 15 per cent. premium and commission, etc	5,765 00	
				35,940 75
1880.				
Sept.	27.	No. 1689, G. Sire Harmon, for official expenses		$60 00
"	"	" 1690, P. G. Sire Nicholson, services, etc. on Committee on Revision of Work, etc		119 60
"	"	" 1691, P. G. Sire Stokes, same character of service		141 80
"	"	" 1692, P. G. Sire Veitch, do		232 00
"	"	" 1693, G. Rep. Shaffner, do		87 20
"	"	" 1694, P. G. Sire Sanders, do		135 40
"	"	" 1695, G. Rep. Garey do		105 75
"	"	" 1696, G. Rep. White, do		130 20
"	"	" 1697, G. Rep. Leech, do		101 20
"	"	" 1698, G. Rep. Busbee, do		147 10
"	"	" 1699, G. Rep. Newell, do		59 70
"	"	" 1700, G. Rep. Batterman, do		15 00
"	"	" 1701, G. Rep. Tracy, do		123 65
"	"	" 1702, G. Rep. Hyde, do		5 00
"	"	" 1703, John Medole & Son, printing revised work		146 85
"	"	" 1704, P. G. Sire Sanders, services on Committee on Printing Supplies		38 64
"	"	" 1705, G. Rep. Havenner, do		12 40
"	"	" 1706, Ass't G. Sec'y Ross, do		6 00
"	"	" 1707, G. Rep. Jones, do		6 00
"	"	" 1708, Express charges for conveying money to Toronto, to pay mileage and per diem, etc		45 00
"	"	" 1710, G. Rep. Randall, services Finance Committee		10 00
"	"	" 1711, G. Rep. McCahan, do		15 00

Sept.	27.	No.	1712, G. Rep. Muckle, services Finance Com...	$10 00
"	"	"	1713, G. Rep. Morris, services Com. on Appeals	20 00
"	"	"	1714, G. Rep. Bagley, do.....	25 00
"	"	"	1715, G. Rep. Woodyatt, do.....	25 00
"	"	"	1716, G. Rep. Courtney, do.....	25 00
"	"	"	1717, G. Rep. Johnstone, do.....	25 00
"	"	"	1718, G. Rep. Clark, do.....	25 00
"	"	"	1719, G. Rep. Price, do.....	25 00
"	"	"	1720, G. Rep Johnson, do.....	25 00
"	"	"	1721, G. Rep. Morrow, do.....	25 00
"	"	"	1722, J. F. Schweitzer, services as As't Messenger	30 00
"	"	"	1723, C. W. Wilmott, services as As't Guardian	20 00
"	"	"	1724, G. W. Cutter, services as As't Messenger..	20 00
"	"	"	1725, Freight charges to Toronto.....	34 30
"	"	"	1857, Brown Brothers, for stationery.....	74 09
"	"	"	1858, Printing minority report of Committee on Revision.....	54 50
"	"	"	1860, D. G. Sire L. J. Glenn, official expenses..	3 00
"	"	"	1861, P. G. Sire Harmon, expenses of Australian Mission, as per resolution of Grand Lodge..	750 00
"	"	"	1862, E. L. Butterfield, G. Rep., Representative tax refunded Grand Lodge Utah for 1878-9-80	225 00
"	"	"	1863, C. B. R. Colledge, for services as Assistant Secretary.....	50 00
"	"	"	1864, J. F. Schweitzer, for services as Assistant Grand Messenger.....	25 00
"	"	"	1865, H. Keehan, for services washing towels, etc.	10 00
"	"	"	1866, T. Phillips, do. as Janitor.....	20 00
"	"	"	1867, W. Bowman, do. as mail carrier.....	10 00
"	"	"	1868, G. W. Cutter, for services as Ass't Guardian.	7 50
"	"	"	1869, W. G. Happer, do. do.....	7 50
"	"	"	1870, Postage on G. Officers' reports and Daily Journal, at Toronto.....	231 10
Oct.	22.	"	1872, C. B. Robinson, printing Daily Journal...	355 06
"	"	"	1871, Brown Brothers, paper for Daily Journal	134 90
"	25.	"	1873, Burk & McFetridge, printing reports of Grand Officers.....	163 88
"	27.	"	1874, Insurance at Philadelphia on paper for Revised Journal.....	11 00
Nov.	5.	"	1875, Assistant G. Secretary Ross, for express freight, postage, etc.....	150 00
"	12,	"	1876, G. F. Lewis & Son, for printing Cards ..	133 00
"	27,	"	1877, Insurance at Philad'a on electro. plates...	18 00
"	30,	"	1878, Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgely, for three months' salary.....	375 00
"	"	"	1879, Assis't Grand Secretary T. A. Ross, do...	550 00
"	"	"	1880, Grand Messenger C. H. Gatch, do.....	225 00
Dec.	4.	"	1881, James Young, printing and binding Digests	594 36
"	8.	"	1882, W. F. Hesse, for stoves, repairing, etc....	49 00
"	22.	"	1883, John Medole & Son, printing Rev'd Charge Books.....	1,000 00
1881.				
Jan.	8.	"	1884, P. Ketterlinus, for German translation of Revised Charge Book.....	50 00
"	15.	"	1885, Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, paper for G. Officers' reports.....	83 50
"	"	"	1886, Do. for paper for Revised Journal.....	1,989 04
"	18.	"	1887, G. F. Lewis & Son, for printing diplomas, cards, etc.....	147 65

Jan.	21.	No. 1888, J. Medole & Son, on account of printing Revised Charge Books		$1,000 00
"	27.	" 1890, Do., for printing Revised Charge Books, balance		1,154 15
Feb.	1.	" 1893, Safe Deposit Co., for safe keeping of U. S. bonds		5 00
"	2.	" 1891, Grand Lodge of Maryland, ground rent on vault building		30 00
"	4.	" 1895, Safe Deposit Co., safe keeping U. S. bonds.		3 70
"	10.	" 1896, P. Ketterlinus, German translation of Revised Degree Book		100 00
"	11.	" 1897, G. F. Lewis & Son, printing cards and diplomas		175 00
"	"	" 1898, J. Medole & Son, printing books. odes, etc.		389 53
"	15.	" 1900, Ass't Grand Sec'y T. A. Ross, for freight on bound Journals		33 25
"	"	" 1901, Do , do. on Revised Journals		97 76
"	"	" 1902, Do., do. on Charge and Degree Books		155 84
"	17.	" 1903, J. Medole & Son, printing German Charge Books		311 88
"	"	" 1904, Do., printing Degree Books		3,150 10
"	19.	" 1906, Safe Deposit Co., for safe keeping of U. S. bonds		5 00
"	21.	" 1899, W. H. Dougal, steel-plate engraving of P. G. Sire Harmon		100 00
"	24.	" 1907, Burk & McFetridge, on account of printing Revised Journal		1,000 00
"	28.	" 1908, Do., balance for do		495 27
"	"	" 1909, Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgely, three mos. salary		375 00
"	"	" 1910, Ass't Grand Secretary T. A. Ross, do		550 00
"	"	" 1911, Grand Messenger C. H. Gatch, do		225 00
Mar.	3.	" 1912, G. F. Lewis & Son, for printing cards, etc.		120 55
"	11.	" 1913, Rawlings & Brunner, binding Journals for presentation to Governor of Ontario, etc.		91 40
"	17.	" 1915, Safe Deposit Co., for safe keeping of bonds		5 00
"	21.	" 1916, Burk & McFetridge, examination of steel-plates (on account of bound Journals)		6 75
"	"	" 1917, Do , printing 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th volumes of Journal		972 35
"	24.	" 1919, J. Medole & Son, printing Encampment Charge Books		2,756 45
"	25.	" 1918, Do., printing German Degree Books		287 17
April	2.	" 1920, Insurance on Grand Lodge furniture, portraits, etc		57 60
"	8.	" 1922, Safe Deposit Co., safe keeping of United States bonds		5 00
"	9.	" 1923, Do., safe keeping of U. S. bonds of 1881		2 00
"	18.	" 1924, Ass't Grand Secretary T. A. Ross, express charges on books		84 70
"	"	" 1925, Do., incidental expenses of Grand Secretary's office		150 00
"	"	" 1926, I. W. Taber, portrait of P. G. Sire Harmon.		161 50
"	"	" 1927, P. Ketterlinus, for composition and plates of German Charge Book		145 05
"	30.	" 1932, G. F. Lewis & Son, printing cards		53 20
May	2.	" 1928, A. H. Delort, French translation of Charge Book		75 00

May	2.	No.	1930, J Medole & Son, for printing Subordinate Lodge odes	$56 00
"	"	"	1931, Do, printing Subordinate Lodge Installation Books	106 40
"	7.	"	1935, Safe Deposit Co., for safe keeping of U. S. bonds	3 00
"	"	"	1933, G. F. Lewis & Son, printing diplomas, etc.	72 60
"	10.	"	1936, Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, paper for charts	54 50
"	11.	"	1937, Insurance on Grand Lodge building	3 75
"	19.	"	1938, J. Medole & Son, printing Charge Books	121 46
"	"	"	1939, Do., do. Degree Books	120 31
"	"	"	1940, Do., do. Encampment Ode Books	81 20
"	"	"	1941, Do., do. German Charge Books	125 34
"	"	"	1942, Do, do. German Encampment Books	142 50
"	21.	"	1943, James Young, printing Rebekah Cards	6 00
"	31.	"	1944, Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgely, three mos. salary	375 00
"	"	"	1945, Ass't Grand Secretary T. A. Ross, do	550 00
"	"	"	1946, Grand Messenger C. H. Gatch, do	225 00
"	"	"	1889, J. Wiener, of Amsterdam, special approp'n	9 20
June	2.	"	1947, H. M. Bansen, frame for portrait of P. G. Sire Harmon	22 00
"	4.	"	1948, W. A. Zimmerman, printing	25 00
"	"	"	1949, Do, printing for office of Grand Secretary.	19 90
"	7.	"	1950, G. F. Lewis & Son, printing cards, etc.	81 90
"	11.	"	1951, J. Medole & Son, printing Encampment Ode Books	40 75
"	13.	"	1953, Safe Deposit Co., safe keeping U. S. bonds.	5 00
"	17.	"	1955, Geo. F Lewis & Son, insurance on electro. plates at Philadelphia.	14 00
"	18.	"	1954, A. Hoen & Co., for Warrant Book for Grand Secretary	16 50
"	"	"	1958, A. Hoen & Co., for Degree Charts	2,216 31
"	"	"	1959, Do., for Encampment Charts	833 67
"	20.	"	1956, P. Ketterlinus, for composition and plates of German Degree Book	135 95
"	"	"	1957, Do., do. Encampment Book	157 54
July	7.	"	1960, M. C. Lilley & Co., for German Digests	12 50
"	8.	"	1961, G. F. Lewis & Son, for printing cards, etc.	133 00
"	9.	"	1962, J. Medole & Son, printing French Charge Books	156 75
"	13.	"	1963, W. A. Zimmerman, printing envelopes, etc.	8 75
"	14.	"	1965, Assistant Grand Secretary Ross, freight on Journals, etc	55 68
"	"	"	1966, Do., office expenses, incidental	60 00
"	"	"	1964, Daugherty & Wright, printing resolutions	7 50
"	"	"	1967, A. H. Delort, translation of French Degree Book	75 00
"	18.	"	1970, Insurance on re-bound Journals	5 40
"	"	"	1969, Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, envelopes, etc.	18 90
"	19.	"	1968, John P. Nicholson, examination of French translations of Charge and Degree Books	50 00
"	22.	"	1971, J. Medole & Son, German Degree Books	155 55
"	"	"	1972, Do., for Encampment Ode Books	40 18
"	23.	"	1973, D. Bachrach, Jun., photographs for unwritten work	130 40
"	"	"	1976, Joseph Vansant, for translation of German correspondence	4 50

July	25.	No. 1974,	Grand Lodge of Maryland, rent, etc., of G. Secretary's office	$325 00
"	"	" 1975,	Do., 12 mos. ground rent on vault building	30 00
"	29.	" 1977,	Rawlings & Brunner, binding books	52 75
Aug.	10.	" 1978,	J. H. Downs, clean'g portraits of P. G. Sires	35 93
"	11.	" 1928,	Subscription to "New Age" paper	7 00
"	"	" 1979,	Grand Lodge of California, freight on books to New Zealand	16 00
"	17.	" 1980,	G. F. Lewis & Son, printing cards	79 80
"	20.	" 1981,	J. Hofstetter, varnishing and painting in office of Grand Secretary	10 35
"	27.	" 1988,	Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, for paper	9 90
"	"	" 1989,	T. A. Ross, Ass't Grand Secretary, freight on re-bound Journals	10 36
"	29.	" 1991,	A. Hoen & Co., for Degree Charts	355 25
"	30.	" 1983,	George W. Lee, carpenters' work in office of Grand Secretary	8 00
"	"	" 1984,	J. Medole & Son, printing Digests	108 39
"	"	" 1985,	Do., printing Degree Books	119 89
"	"	" 1986,	Do., printing Revision D. of Rebekah	42 90
"	"	" 1987,	Do., printing Funeral Service	36 34
"	"	" 1992,	W. F. Hesse, repairs at office of G. Sec'y	11 25
"	31.	" 1994,	J. L. Murphy, re-binding Journals	240 28
"	"	" 1982,	M. C. Lilley & Co., for books	9 25
"	"	" 1993,	W. A. Zimmerman, printing Constitution of Sovereign Grand Lodge	9 00
"	"	" 1996,	J. W. Bond & Co., for stationery	61 30
"	"	" 1999,	T. A. Ross, Ass't Grand Secretary, three months' salary	550 00
"	"	" 2000,	C. H. Gatch, Grand Messenger, do	225 00
"	"	" 2003,	J. Vansant, Grand Treas., twelve months' salary	350 00
"	"	" 2001,	T. A. Ross, Ass't G. Sec'y, office expenses	77 24
"	"	" 2004,	J. Vansant, Grand Treasurer, for check and postage stamps	2 14
"	"	" 2002,	Sisco Brothers, for flag for Grand Lodge	50 00
"	"	" 1998,	J. L. Ridgely, G. Sec'y, for 3 mos. salary	375 00
"	"	" 1994,	Geo. F. Lewis & Son, for printing cards	66 50
"	"	" 1995,	Do., do	26 60
			Total	$87,443 53
			Cash balance August 31, 1881	21,664 61
				$109,108 14

The *aggregates* of the foregoing tables are not upon their face exhibits of the *revenue* and *expenses* of the Grand Lodge for the fiscal year, although both of the latter appear in the body of the statements. Deduct from the debit account the cash balance in the treasury at the end of the preceding fiscal year, to wit: $18,210.31; the proceeds from the sale of $5,000 of United States bonds of 1881, to wit: $5,201.25; the transfer of $100.00 from the "Trust Fund," and $5.00 which had been advanced to the Wildey Monument Fund and returned subsequently to the treasury, in all $23,516.56, and it shows that the revenue proper for the fiscal year ending with the 31st August, 1881, was $85,591 58.

From the credit account deduct the amount paid for investment in United States 4 and 4½ per cent. coupon bonds, to wit: $35,940.75, and it will show that the expenses proper for the fiscal year were $51,502 78.

These accounts for the year may be thus stated:

Revenue proper	$85,591 58
Expenses proper	51,502 78
Excess of revenue over and above expenses	$34,088 80

BONDS.

The resolution of the Finance Committee, which accompanied its report, page 8466 of the Journal of 1880, authorized the Grand Treasurer to sell, from time to time, such bonds in his possession belonging to the Grand Lodge as might be necessary to pay Warrants drawn on him by the Grand Secretary, and to re-invest or invest, at his discretion, any surplus money of the Grand Lodge in the securities of the United States. In the discharge of this discretionary authority he sold, as may be perceived by the debit statement of his account, three thousand dollars of the bonds of the United States of 1881, in order to enable him to meet the obligations of the Grand Lodge. After disposing of these bonds, there remained to the credit of the bond account but two thousand dollars of the bonds of 1881, which matured, under the Act of Congress, on the 1st July of that year, at which date the interest thereon ceased. They would have netted on the 1st of July $2,060. On the 7th of May, 1881, they were disposed of by the Grand Treasurer, as may be perceived by his debit account, for $2,072.50, and he purchased in lieu thereof, at the same date, United States 4½ per cent. coupon bonds. By this operation the Grand Lodge realized ⅝ of one per cent. on the sale, in addition to the interest which would accrue on the re-investment between the 1st of March and the 1st of July, 1881. This statement is not made for the purpose of exhibiting the amount of gain by the transaction, but is given as the reason for disposing of the bonds in anticipation of their maturity, when the proceeds of the sale were not required by demands upon the treasury.

The United States bonds purchased by the undersigned during the fiscal year, and which are now on special deposit with the "Safe Deposit Company of Baltimore" to the credit of the Grand Treasurer of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., were as follows, viz:

United States 4 per cent. coupon bonds	$8,700 00
United States 4½ per cent. coupon bonds	23,000 00
Total	$31,700 00

The 4 per cent. bonds, as may be perceived by the credit account of the Grand Treasurer, cost	$9,840 50
The 4½ per cent. bonds cost	26,100 25
Aggregate investment	$35,940 75
Total premium on bonds, including broker's commissions	4,240 75

The premiums paid on the bonds, from time to time, are stated in the body of the credit account of the Grand Treasurer.

CONDITION OF THE TREASURY.

1881.		
Aug. 31.	Cash balance, as per tabular statement	$21,664 61
	United States bonds at par value	31,700 00
	Total	$53,364 61

CONDITION OF THE TREASURY AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR.

1881.	Aug. 31.	Amount of cash and bonds.....	$53,364 61
1880.	Aug. 31.	Do. do.	23,210 31
		Increase in available assets for the fiscal year....	$30,154 30

It will be perceived that this increase of available assets does not correspond with the amount of *revenue proper* for the fiscal year over and above the amount of expenses proper, which appears in another part of this report, for the reason that the bonds now held are put down at the par, not the market or current value. The value of these securities fluctuate according to the demand for them, etc., and therefore it is that, in the statements of the available assets of the Grand Lodge, they have always been rated at the par value.

The $31,700 of bonds which cost $35,940 75, could be sold, at the date of the writing out of this report, for $36,211; the 4 per cents being quoted at 115½ and the 4½ per cents at 113¾.

The large increase in revenue over preceding years is the result of the issue of the new work of the Order. The Subordinate Bodies being now amply supplied in that connection, will operate to diminish for a time the future revenue of the Grand Lodge from the sale of supplies.

WILDEY MONUMENT FUND.

DR. GRAND TREASURER.

1880.	Aug. 31.	To cash balance in the hands of G. Treasurer....		$694 46
1881.	Feb. 2.	To 6 mos. interest on $2,000 of U. S. bonds.....		60 00
"	May 7.	To proceeds of sale of $2,000 of bonds of 1881....		2,072 50
				$2,826 96

CR. GRAND TREASURER.

1881.	April 9.	To this sum paid Grand Lodge on acc't of money advanced to pay Safe Deposit Co.....	$5 00	
"	May 7.	Amount paid for $2,000 of 4½ per cent. bonds of the United States.....	2,298 50	
"	" "	Amount paid Safe Deposit Company for keeping bonds.....	2 00	
"	July 1.	J. F. Schweitzer, keeper of monument..	50 00	
				2,355 50
		Cash balance.....		$ 471 46
		U. States 4½ per cent. coupon bonds.....		2,000 00
		Total assets.....		$2,471.46

SURPLUS RELIEF FUND.

On the 31st of August, 1880, the Grand Treasurer reported the amount of said fund to be.....	$1,016 50
Consisting of one 4 per cent. bond of United States for.....	1,000 00
Cash balance of.....	16 50

In accordance with the resolution of the Grand Lodge adopted September 25th, 1880, page 8463 of the Journal, the Grand Treasurer transmitted to the Grand Lodge of Mississippi on the 1st and 4th of November, 1880, the whole amount of this fund, less $2.75, the cost of transmitting the bond of $1,000 to the Grand Treasurer of said Grand Lodge, and received the acknowledgement of that officer therefor. The account is now closed.

TRUST FUND.

This fund, which amounted to one hundred dollars, received from Callao Lodge, No. 2, Peru, on the surrender of its charter to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, was in virtue of a resolution of the latter, page 8468 of the Journal of 1880, transferred to the credit of the general fund of the Grand Lodge, as may be perceived by the debit tabular account of the Grand Treasurer. This transfer closes that account.

The undersigned respectfully recommends that the usual authority be given to him to dispose of such bonds belonging to the Grand Lodge as may be necessary to meet maturing obligations of the Body, and also with authority to invest, at his discretion, in United States Government bonds, the surplus revenue of the Grand Lodge, provided the condition of the treasury shall warrant the same.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSHUA VANSANT,

September 1st, 1881. *Grand Treasurer.*

On motion of Rep. NUTT, of New Jersey, the report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Chair announced the following standing committees:

Committee on the State of the Order—Reps. WHITE, of New York; BUSBEE, of North Carolina; MILLER, of New Jersey; CLARK, of Wisconsin; GALE, of Vermont; WALKER, of Iowa; McKINNEY, of New Hampshire; SLACK, of Pennsylvania; ROBBE, of Georgia.

Judiciary Committee—Reps. HERRING, of Texas; GWINNER, of Pennsylvania; PERRY, of Ontario; HEDGES, of Ohio; UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky; HARDIE, of Iowa; ORENDORFF, of Illinois; BUDD, of Tennessee; WALLICK, of Indiana.

Legislative Committee—Reps. GAREY, of Maryland; STEBBINS, of New York; SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania; SLOSS, of Alabama; BOYLES, of Tennessee; BIGELOW, of Vermont; HARRIS, of Michigan; GOODWIN, of Georgia; CARLETON, of Texas.

Committee on Appeals—(Appointed July 19, 1881, as required by Rule of Order No. 8.)—Reps. MORRIS, of Kentucky; COURTNEY, of Virginia; WOODYATT, of Ontario; JOHNSON, of Rhode Island; MORROW, of California; SHIELDS, of Alabama; PEARCE, of Florida; ELLIOTT, of Wisconsin; CROCKER, of Illinois.

Committee on Finance—Reps. RANDALL, of California; MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania; McCAHAN, of Maryland; LAKE, of Illinois; STAFFORD, of Texas; GIVEN, of District of Columbia; NEWELL, of Kentucky; BLANKS, of Virginia; GRAHAM, of Louisiana.

Committee on Correspondence—Reps. DOWDALL, of Ohio; NORTHCRAFT, of Kansas; PRICE, of Missouri; DAVIS, of Arkansas; PALMER, of Michigan; NUTT, of New Jersey; FOSTER, of Connecticut.

Committee on Constitutions—Reps. CRANE, of New Jersey; BLOCK, of Iowa; DILKS, of New York; HURLEY, of Arkansas; SAUL, of New Hampshire; HOLDEN, of Michigan; CURTIS, of South Carolina.

Committee on Petitions—Reps. ROBBINS, of Rhode Island; RICE, of Alabama; JONES, of Maryland; WHIPPLE, of Massachusetts; JOHNSON, of California; CARLIN, of Illinois; HOKE, of West Virginia.

Committee on Returns—Reps. MOSES, of Connecticut; BOUTELLE, of Quebec; LAMOS, of New Hampshire; LOEB, of Montana; TOURTELLOT, of Rhode Island; LACY, of New York; STANBERY, of Missouri.

Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented—Reps. RAWLINGS, of Maryland; McKENZIE, of Mississippi; MORRISON, of Minnesota; FLEMING, of

West Virginia; PETTY, of District of Columbia; FORD, of Washington; RICKS, of Louisiana.

Committee on Foreign Relations—Reps. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania; McQUIDDY, of Indiana; SPENCER, of Delaware; CUSHING, of Lower Provinces; CAMPBELL, of Ontario; WEAKLEY, of Tennessee; HYDE, of Vermont.

Committee on the Degree of Rebekah—Reps. NEWMAN, of Iowa; HAYNIE, of Texas; ALTMAN, of Wyoming; APPERSON, of Oregon; HALLEY, of Indiana; DAVIS, of Maine; HAY, of Massachusetts.

Committee on Miscellaneous Business—Reps. PRICE, of Kansas; CAPPELLER, of Ohio; BROWN, of Wisconsin; POORE, of Dakota; JOSLIN, of Massachusetts; WHEELER, of Nebraska; DONOGH, of Ontario.

Committee on Mileage and per Diem—Reps. JAKES, of Delaware; BARKER, of Oregon; CHENEY, of Minnesota; HAZLETT, of Ohio; HIRSH, of Mississippi.

Committee on Unfinished Business—Reps. DYE, of Minnesota; KELSEY, of Kansas; FORD, of Nebraska; ADKISON, of Nevada; COX, of Indiana; CHAMBERLIN, of Maine; VOEGTLE, of Louisiana.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of five members, be appointed by the Grand Sire, to consider and report upon such matters as shall be referred to it by this Grand Lodge respecting the Patriarchal branch of the Order; with power, also, to report upon such measures as it shall deem promotive of that department of the Order.

The Chair named the committee as follows:

Reps. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky; ASKEW, of Georgia; EWBANKS, of Delaware; HERMS, of Missouri; JURNEY, of North Carolina.

Rep. ADKISON, of Nevada, moved the following, which was referred to the Special Committee on the Encampment Branch of the Order:

Resolved, That the law enacted by this Grand Body at its session of 1879, (see Journal, pages 8065, 8066, and 8126,) relative to establishing "Auxiliary Endowment Benefit Associations" in the subordinate branch of the Order, be made applicable to the Encampment branch.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following:

As required by Rule of Order No. 8, the following appeals, received on or before Wednesday, September 14th, 1881, the time designated by law, were transmitted to Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, Chairman of Committee on Appeals, viz.:

D. N. FLITNER, P. G., from the action of Harmony Lodge, No. 3, Sandwich Islands.

JOHN H. WHITE, G. Rep., from the decision of the Grand Encampment of New York.

E. N. ROGERS and M. B. CROSSMAN, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

WINFIELD S. TOMPKINS, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

D. N. FLITNER, P. C. P., from the action of Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, Sandwich Islands.

ANNIE RYDER, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.
J. G. MYSELL, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of California.
W. B. LYON, Grand Secretary, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of California.
W. R. SPOONER, P. C. P., from the action of the Grand Encampment of New York.
Unity Lodge, No. 47, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.
Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.
GEORGE E. EMMONS, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.
Leavenworth Lodge, No. 2, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Kansas.
J. H. SCHRYVER, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.
CHARLES W. MAXWELL, from the action of Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, Manitoba.
C. S. GOODRICH, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York.
J. B. WILSON, from the action of the Grand Encampment of California.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following petitions for Charters:

Walla Walla Encampment, No 3, Walla Walla, Washington Territory.
Washington Encampment, No. 4, Port Gamble, Washington Territory.
Sinai Encampment, No. 6, Grand Forks, Dakota.
Harmony Encampment, No. 3, Fort Laramie, Wyoming.
Grand Encampment of Dakota, Yankton, Dakota.
Pima Lodge, No. 3, Tucson, Arizona.
Pinal Lodge, No. 4, Pinal City, Arizona.
Cochise Lodge, No. 5, Tombstone, Arizona.
San Vicente Lodge, No. 5, Silver City, New Mexico.
Lewiston Lodge, No. 8, Lewiston, Idaho.
Prins Hendrik Lodge, No. 3, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Which were referred to the Committee on Petitions

Also the following:

Petition of seven Third Degree members at Walla Walla, Washington Territory, for the Encampment Degrees.
Petition of six Third Degree members at Grand Forks, Dakota Territory, for the Encampment Degrees.
Petition of ten Third Degree members at Port Gamble, Washington Territory, for the Encampment Degrees.
Petition of nine Third Degree members at Fort Laramie, Wyoming Territory, for the Encampment Degrees.

Which were referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Constitution and By-Laws of Black Hills Encampment, No. 5, Deadwood, Dakota
Constitution and By-Laws of Arizona Degree Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, Phœnix, Arizona.
Constitution and By-Laws of Golden Rule Encampment, No. 4, Bismarck, Dakota.
Constitution and By-Laws of Port La Joie Encampment, No. 13, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.
Constitution and By-Laws of Arizona Lodge, No. 1, Prescott, Arizona.
Constitution and By-Laws of Pima Lodge, No. 3, Tucson, Arizona.

By-Laws of Harmony Encampment, No. 3, Fort Laramie, Wyoming.
By-Laws of Harmony Lodge, No. 3, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands.
Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.
Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama.
Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nevada.
Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Dakota.
Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Michigan.
Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.
Amended Constitution and By-Laws of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Which were referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Petition of Subordinate Lodges in Arizona, that the M. W. Grand Sire be authorized to issue a dispensation for a Grand Lodge in the Territory of Arizona, upon the unanimous application of the five Lodges now in existence in the said Territory.

Which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Petition of the Grand Encampment of Dakota, that the amount of dues paid by the Subordinate Encampments since January 1st, 1881, be refunded to the Grand Encampment of Dakota.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petition of Americus Lodge, No. 1, Barbados, that the qualifications for membership be changed.

Which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Petition of Americus Lodge, No. 1, Barbados, for remission of the dues charged to said Lodge.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petition of Arizona Lodge, No. 1, Phœnix Lodge, No. 2, Arizona; Caddo Lodge, No. 1, Indian Territory; Harmony Lodge, No. 3, Sandwich Islands, and Gateway City Lodge, No. 4, Manitoba, that the present dues of ten per cent. on receipts be abolished, and a small per capita tax be substituted.

Which was referred to the Legislative Committee.

Petition of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, for remission of the Representative tax charged to that Grand Body.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolutions of Harmony Lodge, No. 3, Sandwich Islands, on the subject of the Hall of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1.

Which was referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

Letter of Bro. C. G. Hill, London, England, on the subject of the Regalia, etc., of Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 1, and Anglo-American Encampment, No. 1.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Bill of J. C. CONGDON, Special Commissioner to Manitoba, Canada, for expenses incurred, forty dollars and thirty cents.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from F. MEYENDORF, Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of the German Empire, requesting that the amount paid for Charge, Degree and Encampment books on hand be refunded.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. DYE, of Minnesota, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which, the rule being suspended, was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business would report an examination of the printed Journal of 1880, and find the following subjects requiring consideration at this session:

The subject of the establishment of the Order in Europe, page 7006, Journal 1876; pages 7403, 7477, Journal 1877; page 7887, Journal 1878, referred to a special committee to report at the session of 1879, no report; pages 8308–9, 8333, Journal 1880, referred to same special committee, no report.

That portion of the Grand Sire's report which relates to miscellaneous matters, page 7910, Journal 1879, referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, page 8038, no report; pages 8308–9, Journal 1880, referred to the same committee, no report.

That portion of the Grand Sire's report which relates to Qualification for Membership, page 7918, Journal 1879, referred to the Legislative Committee, page 8038, no report; pages 8308–9, Journal 1880, referred to same committee, no report.

That portion of the Grand Secretary's report in reference to Library, etc, pages 7972–6, Journal 1879, referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, page 8056, no report; pages 8308–9, Journal 1880, referred to same committee, no report.

Special committee to prepare a burial service for a Daughter of Rebekah, pages 8077, 8174, Journal 1879, granted time until next session to report; page 8308, Journal 1880, no report.

That portion of the Grand Sire's report which relates to members of extinct Subordinates, page 8212, Journal 1880, referred to the Legislative Committee, page 8310, no report.

That portion of the Grand Sire's report which relates to petitions for a Lodge, page 8212, referred to the Legislative Committee, page 8310, no report.

That portion of the Grand Sire's report which relates to Charitable Fund, page 8213, referred to the Legislative Committee, page 8310, no report.

That portion of the Grand Sire's report which relates to Basis of Representation, Biennial Sessions, and Past Grand Sires, page 8214, referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, page 8311, no report.

That portion of the Grand Sire's report which relates to Foreign Countries and Manchester Unity, pages 8215–16, referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, page 8311, no report.

That portion of the Grand Secretary's report which relates to Library, Pamphlets, etc., pages 8245–8, referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, page 8311, no report.

That portion of the Grand Secretary's report which relates to Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, page 8250, referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, page 8311, no report.

That portion of the Grand Secretary's report which relates to the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, page 8250, referred to the Committee on Finance, page 8311, no report.

Appeal of Pittston Lodge, No. 941, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, page 8293, referred to the Committee on Appeals, no report.

Memorial of Grievance of Winfield S. Tompkins, from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, page 8294, referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, reported page 8383, and referred to the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, with instructions to comply with the resolution passed at the last session of this Grand Body, page 8092, Journal, 1879.

Action of the Grand Lodge of Vermont and protest of Past Grands of Quebec, on the subject of Oriental Lodge, referred to the Legislative Committee, page 8306, reported page 8357, considered page 8463, and further consideration postponed until session of 1881.

Resolution of Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, in relation to Processions, page 8353, referred to the Legislative Committee; no report.

Resolution of Rep. HAYNIE, of Texas, to amend the Book of Forms, referred to the Judiciary Committee, page 8354, reported page 8385, and referred to the Legislative Committee, page 8476; no report.

Report of Special Committee on Rules, pages 8358–63, consideration made a special order immediately after the opening of the next annual session, page 8468.

Report of Special Committee on Dues and Benefits, pages 8442–53, consideration postponed until the present session, page 8483.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT THIS SESSION.

Legislative Committee,—a uniform Constitution for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, pages 8437, 8483.

Special Committee on Revision of the Degree of Rebekah, page 8414. Rep. NICHOLSON, of Pennsylvania, chairman.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Page 8122, Journal 1879, consideration postponed to session of 1881, page 8415, amendment to Articles II, III.
Page 8377, Journal 1880, amendment to Article II.
Page 8425, amendment to section 2 of Article IX.
Page 8433, amendment to Article X.
Page 8439, amendment to Section 2 of Article XVI.
Page 8472, amendment to Section 1 of Article IX.
Page 8473, amendment to Article XII; Section 4, Article XIII; Article XXI.

Your committee would recommend that the subject of the establishment of the Order in Europe, page 7887, Journal 1878, be referred to the same special committee, of which Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, is chairman.

The Grand Sire's report that relates to miscellaneous matters, page 7910, Journal 1879, that further consideration be indefinitely postponed.

The Grand Sire's report that relates to qualification for membership, page 7918, Journal 1879, that further consideration be indefiinitely postponed.

The Grand Secretary's report that relates to Library, etc., pages 7972–6, Journal 1879, that further consideration be indefinitely postponed.

Burial service for a Daughter of Rebekah, pages 8077, 8174, Journal 1879, be referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah.

The Grand Sire's report that relates to members of extinct Subordinates, page 8212, Journal 1880, be referred to the Legislative Committee.

The Grand Sire's report that relates to Petitions for a Lodge, page 8212 be referred to the Legislative Committee.

The Grand Sire's report that relates to Charitable Fund, page 8213, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The Grand Sire's report that relates to Basis of Representation, Biennial Sessions, and Past Grand Sires, page 8214, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The Grand Sire's report that relates to Foreign Countries and Manchester Unity, pages 8215–16, that further consideration be indefinitely postponed.

The Grand Secretary's report that relates to Library, Pamphlets, etc., pages 8245–8, that further consideration be indefinitely postponed.

The Grand Secretary's report that relates to Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, page 8250, be referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah.

The Grand Secretary's report that relates to the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, page 8250, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Appeal of Pittston Lodge, No. 941, page 8293, be referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Memorial of Grievance of WINFIELD S. TOMPKINS, page 8294, be referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

Majority and minority reports of the Legislative Committee on the action of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and the protest of Past Grands of Quebec, page 8357, be considered as they appear on the Journal.

Resolution of Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, in relation to Processions, page 8353, be referred to the Legislative Committee.

Resolution of Rep. HAYNIE, of Texas, to amend Book of Forms, page 8354, be referred to the Legislative Committee.

Report of Special Committee on Rules, pages 8358–63, be considered as it appears on the Journal.

Report of Special Committee on Dues and Benefits, pages 8442–53, be considered as it appears on the Journal.

The proposed amendments to the Constitution be considered as they appear on the Journal.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER G. DYE, D. O. ADKISON, S. H. KELSEY,
E. COX, J. C. FORD, JOS. VOEGTLE,
E. C. CHAMBERLIN.

Rep. HILL, of Nevada, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the following, adopted at the last session, (see Journal, page 8487,) be and is hereby repealed:

"When State Grand Officers grant cards to former members of defunct Lodges, the brother receiving the card is not entitled to the A. T. P. W. The card cannot be used for visiting Lodges, but is good for deposit only, by the holder as an 'Ancient Odd Fellow.'"

Rep. MOSES, of Connecticut, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to compute the mileage of the Officers and Representatives in attendance at this session, at eight cents per mile (one way) by the nearest traveled route, and five dollars per day for each day's attendance: *Provided*, that Officers and Representatives coming from jurisdictions fifteen hundred miles or more from the city of Cincinnati, be allowed twenty per cent. additional to the eight cents per mile above provided for, computed by the nearest traveled route.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, submitted the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Amend Article XXII of the By-Laws by striking out the first and third sections and inserting the following:

"The Regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit: Collar of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematic color intended to be represented, namely: First Degree, pink; Second Degree, blue; Third Degree, scarlet. Rosettes of the appropriate colors can be worn upon the collars. Plain white aprons for the Initiatory Degree.

"The Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretaries, and Treasurer shall each wear a scarlet collar, trimmed with white or silver. Supporters of the Noble Grand and Vice Grand shall wear sashes of the same color; Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash; Outside Guardian, red sash; Inside Guardian, red sash. The position of each officer shall be indicated by the jewel of the office."

Resolved, That the above amendments shall apply to all Lodges that may hereafter be instituted, and to all Lodges that shall hereafter procure a new set of Regalia.

Bro NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, submitted the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs may, if in their judgment the necessities of the case shall require such action, grant dispensations to Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to omit holding regular sessions for a specified period: *Provided*, that the meetings thus omitted shall not be included as a part of the term, in order to entitle the officers to the Past Official Degrees.

Rep. GOODWIN, of Georgia, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS, in some Subordinate Grand jurisdictions, there are no Rebekah Degree Lodges, and still in other jurisdictions but little interest in said branch of the Order; therefore,

Resolved, That hereafter the possession of the Rebekah Degree shall not be necessary to eligibility to the offices of Vice Grand and Noble Grand of Subordinate Lodges.

Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be required to have all documents pertaining to the proceedings of the present session properly stamped for transmission by mail.

Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That Grand Masters and their duly commissioned Special Deputies are hereby empowered, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Grand Lodges, respectively, to initiate and confer the Subordinate Degrees upon a sufficient number of qualified applicants to enable them to become proper petitioners for a Warrant or Charter for a Lodge within their jurisdiction at a place where none exists.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That on and after July 1st, 1882, all the business of Subordinate Lodges shall be transacted in the Third Degree, or Degree of Truth.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, submitted the following, which was referred to a special committee of three members:

WHEREAS, The Bohemian Odd Fellows, of the city of New York, under the authority of this Grand Lodge, in 1877, authorizing the translation of our Ritual into the Bohemian language, through a committee of Bohemian scholars, consisting of Charles J. Lederer, of No. 431; Philip Krasa, of No. 423; Anton Leilgeb, of No. 452; and Joseph Novy, of No. 436—all Past Grands—have procured to be translated into the Bohemian language by that ripe English and Bohemian scholar, Professor Alois Berman, the new Initiatory and Subordinate Degrees and the Degree of Rebekah, the manuscript copies of which are herewith submitted; and,

WHEREAS, There is in the city of New York a Bohemian printing office, supplied with Bohemian type, owned and operated by a member of the Order; therefore,

Resolved, That said committee be and they are hereby authorized, under the supervision of the Committee on Printing Supplies, to have said translations printed in Ritual form: *Provided*, the same shall be done without expense to this Grand Lodge, the proof-sheets to be approved and certified correct by Professor Alois Berman.

Resolved, That the above preamble and resolution be referred to a special committee of three, to inquire into the facts set forth therein, and report during this session of the Grand Lodge.

The Chair named the following as the committee:

Reps. STEBBINS, of New York; MALLORY, of Arkansas; OSTRANDER, of Wisconsin.

Rep. MCQUIDDY, of Indiana, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to report to this Sovereign Grand Lodge, when, and under what circumstances, a Lodge will be bound to pay for a nurse for a member of the same, when he is sick and under the care of another Lodge in the same, or in a different jurisdiction; and especially if said Lodge is bound to pay for a nurse when provision has been made in the By-Laws of the Lodge of the sick brother not to pay for the same when out of the reach of his Lodge.

Rep. ORENDORFF, of Illinois, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee is hereby instructed to consider and report to this Grand Lodge upon the legality and feasibility of enacting a law providing that no member of a Subordinate Lodge shall vote who has not received the Third Degree.

Rep. MCQUIDDY, of Indiana, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah

Resolved, That the same privileges now accorded to the unmarried daughters of the Third Degree members, be extended to the unmarried daughters over eighteen years of age of deceased members of other Degrees, who may have died in good standing in their Lodge.

The jurisdictions were called, when—

Reps. COLLEDGE and PETTY, of the District of Columbia, submitted the following:

WHEREAS, At the session of this R. W. body, held in the year 1842, when Grand Encampments were first admitted to representation, the then Grand Lodge of the United States passed the following, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of the United States recognizes the Grand Lodges of the different States as the Grand Legislative heads of the Order in their respective States" (p. 496); and,

WHEREAS, The legislation of this Sovereign Grand Lodge had, in 1877, in prescribing forms for processions, dedications of public edifices, halls, etc., deprives State Grand Lodges of this pre-eminence as the heads of the Order in their respective jurisdictions, as guaranted by the passage of said resolution, and prescribes that State Grand Encampments shall take precedence of Grand Lodges, thereby annulling the contract made by the Fathers of the Order, upon the recognition of this newly engrafted branch, and virtually declaring Grand Encampments to be the Grand Legislative heads of the Order; and,

WHEREAS, Grand Encampments have actual jurisdiction over less than one-fifth of the membership of our great Brotherhood, while continued membership in a Subordinate or Grand Encampment is dependent upon membership in a Subordinate Lodge;

Therefore, Believing the said action to have been hasty, ill-considered, and unwise,

Resolved, That the Book of Forms be amended as follows;

1. FORM 1, page 37, strike out in first paragraph the words "the Patriarchal branch not participating." Strike out after the words "in order of juniority," the words "those having the Royal Purple Degree in the rear," so that it will read:

PAST GRANDS,

IN ORDER OF JUNIORITY.

2. Strike out all of Form 2, page 38.

3. Make Form 3 number as Form 2, page 39.

4. Form 4, pages 39 and 40, strike out the first paragraph and substitute as follows:

"When a Grand Lodge is in procession it shall take precedence, and the Grand Marshal thereof shall control the procession, in which case he will be in front of the column."

5. Make Form 5, page 40, number as Form 3. Strike out the first paragraph, and substitute the following:

"When a Grand Encampment is in procession it shall form in the following order, and take position immediately in the rear of the Subordinate branch."

6. Strike out all of Form 6, make it No. 5, and read as follows:

"When a Grand Lodge, Grand Encampment, the Subordinates of both Branches, and an organization of uniformed Patriarchs are in procession, the order shall be as follows;

"1. Uniformed Patriarchs (as escort).

"2. Subordinate Lodge.

"3. Subordinate Encampment.
"4. Grand Encampment.
"5. Grand Lodge.

"If any two or more of the above named Bodies form in procession, they shall take the same relative positions.

"If two or more Subordinate Lodges or Encampments join in procession, they will take position in order of juniority: *Provided*, that in a funeral procession where two or more Lodges or Encampments participate, the Lodge and Encampment of which the deceased was a member shall occupy the place of honor.

"When the Sovereign Grand Lodge is in procession with other Bodies of the Order, it shall take possition in the rear of the State Grand Bodies."

Page 44: *Funeral Procession*—In paragraph 2, second line, strike out "or 6." In paragraph 3, strike out "Encampment or" in first line. Strike out "Chief Patriarch or" in third line. Strike out "Senior Warden or" in fourth line. Strike out "Chief Patriarch or" in sixth line. Strike out "Encampment or" and "as the case may be" in seventh line.

Page 46: In last paragraph, under head of "Funeral Procession," strike out "for Lodges" in fourth line, and insert "as Form No. 2." Strike out "Encampment or" in sixth line. Strike out "Grand Encampment" in eighth line. Strike out "or Grand Encampment" in ninth and tenth lines.

Page 51: In note in last paragraph of "Funeral Ceremony," strike out "Encampments and" in first line.

Page 55: *Forms for Laying Corner Stones of Public Edifices*—Strike out the first four paragraphs, page 55, and substitute the following:

"On the day appointed the Order will assemble, and each Body will open in due form. The procession will then be formed in the order prescribed in Form 5.

"The control of the procession shall be under the direction of the Marshal of the Body which shall have been invited to perform the ceremony, and the officiating officer shall be addressed by the title of the office he represents, and the language of the ceremony shall be varied accordingly."

Strike out second paragraph, page 57.

Page 59: *Ceremony of Laying Corner-stones of Odd Fellows' Halls*—Strike out the first four paragraphs, page 65, and substitute the following:

"On the day appointed the Order will assemble and each Body will be opened in due form. The procession will then be formed in the order prescribed in Form 5.

"If the hall is the property of a Grand or Subordinate Lodge, the ceremony shall be performed by such Body, and the procession shall be under the control of its Marshal. If the hall is the property of a Grand or Subordinate Encampment, the Ceremony shall be performed by that Body, and the procession shall be under the control of its Marshal. If the hall is joint property, that Body which shall receive the invitation to lay the corner-stone, shall have charge, and the officiating officer shall be addressed by the title of the office he represents, and the language of the ceremony shall be varied accordingly."

Strike out the fourth paragraph, page 66.

Strike out all of page 69.

On motion of Rep. COLLEDGE, of the District of Columbia, the subject was referred to a special committee of five members.

The Chair named the following as the committee:

Reps. COX, of Maine; BRIGGS, of Dakota; HILL, of Connecticut; PRICE, of Iowa; SPEICE, of Nebraska.

Rep. COLLEDGE, of the District of Columbia, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. COX, of Indiana, submitted the following instructions from the Grand Lodge of Indiana, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge are hereby instructed to introduce and favor such legislation as will provide for the Subordinate Lodge transacting all of its business in the Third Degree.

Rep. WALKER, of Iowa, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Iowa, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed to examine and report to this Grand Lodge what changes, if any, will be necessary to be made, in the Ritual and work of the Order, should it be enacted that the business of Subordinate Lodges shall be transacted in the Third Degree.

The Chair named the following as the committee:

Reps. GAREY, of Maryland; MCQUIDDY, of Indiana; RANDALL, of California; BUSBEE, of North Carolina; ELLIOTT, of Wisconsin.

Rep. WHIPPLE, of Massachusetts, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. DYE, of Minnesota, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That a Past Elective Grand Officer of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, who is a member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment in good standing, may introduce visitors to Lodges and Encampments in the same manner as Grand Officers.

Rep. PRICE, of Missouri, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. STANBERY, of Missouri, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Missouri, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. HILL, of Nevada, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That all brothers (in good standing in their Subordinate Lodges) and sisters in possession of the A. P. W. of the Rebekah Degree, be allowed to visit regularly constituted Rebekah Degree Lodges in their own jurisdiction on said Pass Word, and all laws heretofore enacted in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

Rep. DILKS, of New York, submitted the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

NEW YORK, September 15, 1881.

At the annual session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, held in the city of New York, August 16th, 17th and 18th, 1881, the following, among other proceedings, was had:

"*Resolved*, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge are hereby asked to use their influence to repeal the law now in exlstence which gives a suspended member the privilege of demanding a Dismissal Certificate from his Lodge on the payment of one dollar."

A true extract from the Minutes. C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

Also the following, which was referred to the same committee:

NEW YORK, September 15, 1881.

At the annual session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, held in the city of New York, August 16th, 17th and 18th, 1881, the following, among other proceedings, was had:

"*Resolved*, That our Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be requested to use their influence to have such action taken by that Body as to have the work of the Subordinates done in the Third Degree."

A true extract from the Minutes. C. V. CLARK, *Grand Secretary.*

Rep. CAPPELLER, of Ohio, submitted the following, which was accepted, with the thanks of the Grand Lodge:

CINCINNATI, O., September 19, 1881.

To the Officers and Members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:

BROTHERS,—You are cordially invited (with your ladies) to join us tomorrow in the procession and unveiling of the Odd Fellows' Monument, which will be followed by a drive through our suburbs, including a lunch at the Zoological Garden.

By order of the Cincinnati Odd Fellows' Monumental Association.

E. SPARKS, *Secretary.* S. S. DAVIS, *President.*

P. S.—Carriages will call at the Grand Hotel at 8:30 A. M., sharp, for the members of your Body, the elective Officers of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Ohio, and their ladies.

Yours, in F., L. and T., S. S. DAVIS.

Rep. CAMPBELL, of Ontario, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, submitted the memorials of T. B. ROBINSON, P. G., of Templar Lodge, No. 17, of California.

Rep. HAYNIE, of Texas, moved that they be referred to a special committee of five.

Rep. MORROW, of California, moved to amend by striking out "Special Committee of five" and inserting "Committee on Petitions."

The question being on the amendment of Rep. MORROW, of California, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. HAYNIE, of Texas, as amended, it was adopted.

The Grand Sire presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 14, 1881.

L. J. GLENN, Esq.,

M. W. Grand Sire, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—I desire to address you for information on the following point, viz.: A certain lady was a member of Naomi Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, District of Columbia, and became suspended for N. P. D. While under suspension her husband died; she afterwards remarried. Her second husband is not an Odd Fellow, and she desires to be reinstated in her Lodge.

Query: Can she be reinstated in her Lodge, her husband not being connected with the Order? An early reply will greatly oblige

Yours, fraternally, JOHN LONG,

P. G. of Naomi Lodge, No. 1, D. of R.

Rep. FORD, of Washington, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

OFFICE OF THE R. W. GRAND SECRETARY
OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF WASHINGTON, I. O. O. F.,
OLYMPIA, W. T., July 26, 1881.

At the annual session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Washington, I. O. O. F., held in the city of Vancouver, W. T., May 10th, 11th and 12th, 1881, the following proceedings were had:

Rep. WM. RANCK, from Vancouver Lodge, No. 3, submitted the following preamble, question, and answer, with accompanying resolution, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

"*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Washington:*

"WHEREAS, This Grand Lodge, at its first Annual Communication, May 13th, 1879, decided as follows:

"'*Question No.* 2. Is it legal to admit to membership, by initiation, a person who is in the military service of the United States as an enlisted soldier, having his temporary residence in a military garrison?

"'*Answer*. He cannot be admitted legally. An enlisted soldier in the military service of the United States cannot acquire a residence that would be subject to his own control, but he is at all times subject to the orders of his commanding officers, who may at any moment direct his removal from his present station even to the remotest boundary of our national domain. Hence a soldier's temporary residence in garrison is not such a residence as is specified or contemplated by our laws to entitle a person to be admitted to membership in the Order by initiation.'

"*Resolved*, That the foregoing decision is in violation of the Constitution and Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and is null and void and of no binding effect on the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction.

"Respectfully submitted,

"WILLIAM RANCK, *Representative No. 3*."

"Rep. J. T. BROWN, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report:

"*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Washington:*

"Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred a resolution submitted by Rep. RANCK, of No. 3, on page 305, asking that a certain decision rendered by the Grand Master and approved by this Grand Lodge, at its session, 1879, (see Journal, pages 70 and 116,) 'on the residentiary qualifications for membership, by initiation, of persons under enlistment in the military service of the United States,' be repealed, as being in contravention of the Laws of the Order, have had the same under consideration, and, being unable to agree as to the better action thereon, beg leave to report it back to this Grand Lodge for its action, without recommendation.

"Respectfully submitted,

"J. T. BROWN, J. M. CROW, A. H. TUCKER."

On motion, it was ordered that the subject matter of the foregoing report be referred to Bro. T. N. FORD, Grand Representative elect, with instructions to submit the question (with the action of this Grand Lodge thereon at the session of 1879) to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at its session in September next.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript from the Minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Washington, I. O. O. F., had at its annual session, May 10th, 11th and 12th, 1881.

J. M. SWANN, *Grand Secretary*.

NOTE.—For the previous action of the Grand Lodge on said question (and decision), special attention is directed to Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Washington for 1879, pages 70 and 116; also to section 1715, Digest 1874, Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. J. M. S.

Rep. CLARK, of Wisconsin, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

OFFICE OF R. W. GRAND SECRETARY
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF WISCONSIN, I. O. O. F.,
MADISON, September 10, 1881.

EXTRACT.—"*Resolved*, That the Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby, instructed to use their influence, at the next session of that R. W. Grand Body, to procure the adoption of a new and entire revision of the Rebekah Degree Ritual, including an Installation and Funeral Ceremony." Adopted.

"*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Wisconsin:*

"Your committee to whom was referred the petition of Goethe Lodge, No. 112, asking that Subordinate Lodges be required to do all the work,

except initiating candidates and conferring the First and Second Degrees, in the Third Degree, have had the same under consideration, and would respectfully report:

"That, in the opinion of your committee, it is not in the power of this R. W. Grand Lodge to legislate upon that subject, but would recommend that the Grand Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be instructed to use their best endeavors to accomplish the object sought by this petitioner." Agreed to. (Page 128 of Journal. See also page 134 on same subject.)

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct extract of the proceedings of our said R. W. Grand Lodge in the premises, at the late session of June, 1881.

Witness my hand and the Grand Lodge seal, the day and year first above written. L. B. HILLS, *Grand Secretary.*

Rep. ALTMAN, of Wyoming, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

To the Grand Sire, Officers and Members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The three Encampments in Wyoming respectfully represent that at present they are Subordinate Encampments, working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. They are of the opinion that it would be of advantage to the Order to establish a Grand Encampment in the Territory of Wyoming. They, therefore, pray your R. W. G. Body to grant a Charter for a Grand Encampment in the Territory of Wyoming.

H. ALTMAN, *Representative.*

Rep. CROCKER, of Illinois, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the accompanying petition of Polacky Lodge, of the city of Chicago, for the printing of the Ritual in the Bohemian language, be referred to the special committee that has been appointed to consider the subject.

Rep. HILL, of Connecticut, submitted the following, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Query: Did the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in adopting the report of the Committee on Appeals, page 8364, Journal 1880, intend to compel the payment of benefits by Subordinate Lodges for the first week of a member's sickness?

Did it intend to take away from Subordinate Lodges the right to fix the time after initiation when a member should become beneficial?

Rep. MORROW, of California, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. JOHN H. WHITE, Grand Representative, from the decision of the Grand Encampment of New York, would respectfully report:

That it appears that at the annual session of the Grand Encampment of the State of New York, held at the city of Brooklyn, February, 1881, on the announcement of the standing committees, the Grand Patriarch stated to the Grand Encampment that it had been his desire to place as Chairman of the Committee on Appeals Grand Representative JOHN H. WHITE, who had served long and faithfully in that position; but as the Grand Representative

was not a regular or proxy Representative to the Grand Encampment, he was *not eligible* to the position. An appeal being taken to the Grand Encampment from this decision of the Grand Patriarch, the decision was affirmed. And from this action of the Grand Encampment the present appeal is prosecuted.

Section 2 of Article III of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of New York provides that "The business of the Grand Encampment shall be transacted by the *elective Grand officers* of the Grand Encampment, Past Grand Patriarchs and Representatives."

Section 1 of Article IV provides that "The elective officers of the Grand Encampment shall be as follows: The Most Worthy Grand Patriarch, ... and two R. W. Grand Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge," etc.

It is claimed that as Bro. Grand Representative WHITE was an elective officer of the Grand Encampment, and, under its Constitution, entitled to participate in the transaction of the business of the Grand Encampment, he was therefore eligible to serve on the Committee on Appeals. This position would be correct were it not that the By-Laws of the Grand Encampment, providing for the appointment of the standing committees, has this provision in Section 7, Article VII: "The Committee on Appeals, consisting of *five Representatives*, shall examine all appeals referred to them and make a decision thereon." Bro. WHITE was not a Representative to the Grand Encampment of New York, and therefore not eligible to become a member of that committee, unless the By-Law restricting the membership of the committee to Representatives is in conflict with the Constitution.

To determine this question, it is only necessary to ascertain whether his exclusion from this committee has deprived him of his right, under the Constitution, to participate in the transaction of the business of the Grand Encampment. The Committee on Appeals, like the other standing committees provided by the By-Laws, is appointed by the Grand Patriarch, subject to the approval of the Grand Encampment. The elective Grand officers, therefore, participate in its creation. The next step is the reference of matters to the committee for its consideration, which is also the work of the Grand Encampment. Then follows the work of the committee in examining the matters so referred and reporting thereon; but this is in no sense the transaction of business by the Grand Encampment. The only other remaining step in the proceedings is the consideration and adoption or rejection of the work of the committee, and this again is the work of the Grand Encampment. It is, therefore, plain that the mere exclusion of an elective officer from service on a committee does not deprive him of his right to participate in the transaction of the business of the Grand Encampment, and the By-Law in question restricting the membership of the Committee on Appeals to Representatives must be declared to be Constitutional. We, therefore, submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of Bro. JOHN H. WHITE, G. Rep. from the Grand Encampment of New York, be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. MORROW,	WM. W. MORRIS,	T. B. ELLIOTT,
A. R. COURTNEY,	JAMES WOODYATT,	W. H. CROCKER,
WM. S. JOHNSON,	C. C. PEARCE,	W. A. SHIELDS.

Rep. COURTNEY, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, beg leave to report as follows:

This is a claim by one of its Subordinates against the Grand Lodge of Ontario for the amount of a judgment recovered against said Subordinate by the widow of one of its deceased members, for benefits; which judgment, it is alleged, contravenes one of the By-Laws of the Lodge, regularly approved by the Grand Lodge. This demand is based upon the principle that inasmuch as the Subordinate Lodge is required to submit its By-Laws to the Grand Lodge for its revision and approval, and can have no By-Law except by and under its approval, therefore the Grand Lodge should see that all By-Laws receiving its sanction are so drawn as to carry out the object contemplated, and that they will stand the test of a judicial construction by the courts of the country.

The Grand Lodge of Ontario refused the claim of Excelsior Lodge; and, therefore, Excelsior Lodge, by leave, appealed to this Sovereign Grand Lodge. Your committee see no ground for this claim. A Grand Lodge has no right to interfere with By-Laws of its Subordinates when submitted to it for approval, unless they conflict with the Constitution or the general principles of the Order, and is, therefore, in no wise responsible for the sufficiency of the language used in said By-Laws to carry out the objects aimed at, whether said By-Laws be construed by the courts of the country or by the Grand Lodge itself, afterwards, upon appeal.

Your committee, therefore, recommend the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. COURTNEY, W. H. CROCKER, WM. W. MORROW,
WM. W. MORRIS, WM. S. JOHNSON, C. C. PEARCE,
W. A. SHIELDS.

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

In the matter of the appeal of J. G. MYSELL, P. G., from the Grand Lodge of California, it appears as follows: This appeal was taken by J. G. MYSELL, P. G, for REBECCA GERVIS, widow of JOHN GERVIS, a deceased brother of California Lodge, from the action of said Lodge in refusing to repay to said widow the sum of seventy-eight dollars, amount expended by her for funeral expenses of said JOHN GERVIS. In the Grand Lodge of California, on appeal, it was held that "The matter of sick and funeral benefits or funeral expenses, as to amount and disposition thereof, belongs exclusively to the Subordinate Lodge; hence the question must be decided according to the By-Laws of said California Lodge." Section 1 of Article XII of the By-Laws of California Lodge, provides that "Any member who is in arrears for dues over six months shall not be entitled to benefits." . . . Section 4 of Article V of said By-Laws provides that "On the death of a brother entitled to benefits, there shall be appropriated from the funds of the Lodge, one hundred dollars as a funeral benefit." From the transcript in the case it affirmatively appears that Bro. GERVIS was not at the time of his death entitled to benefits, and was not in good standing.

The Grand Lodge of California, on the report of its Committee on Appeals, sustained the action of California Lodge.

In the judgment of your committee the decision of the Grand Lodge of California was in accordance with law, and it is recommended that its action be sustained and the appeal of J. G. MYSELL, P. G, be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. MORRIS, A. R. COURTNEY, WM. W. MORROW,
T. B. ELLIOTT, WM S. JOHNSON, W. H. CROCKER,
C. C. PEARCE, JAMES WOODYATT, W. A. SHIELDS.

Rep. COURTNEY, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred an appeal by CHARLES W. MAXWELL, from the action of Manitoba Lodge, No. 1., I. O. O. F., located at Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba, Dominion of Canada, beg leave to return the papers, on account of informalites, without passing upon the case.

The record laid before us in this case consists solely of the *ex-parte* statement of the appellant, forwarded in manuscript through the District Deputy Grand Sire of Manitoba, without any notice, so far as the papers show, to Manitoba Lodge, that an appeal from its action is desired or contemplated.

This Sovereign Grand Lodge will entertain and decide appeals, such as this, taken by individual members of Subordinate Lodges, under its immediate jurisdiction, who feel aggrieved by the action thereof. But all appeal papers, whether from a Subordinate Lodge or Grand Lodge, should be printed, (Journal 1880, case of FLITNER *vs.* Harmony Lodge, pages 8367–68;) and the statement of facts, in such cases, must be certified by the proper officers of the Lodge or Encampment whose action is appealed from.

The matter involved in this appeal is the expulsion of the appellant from the Order, and is, therefore, important. If the statement of the case, as forwarded by the D. D. Grand Sire and laid before your committee, be correct, it is very clear that the appellant is the victim of a gross violation of the laws of our Order. According to this statement, he has been found guilty of an offense of which he is entirely innocent, and was tried by his Lodge in his absence and without notice to him. If this be true, it would be a great hardship upon this appellant simply to return the papers for informalities, and do nothing more, and thereby leave him out of the Order, and without remedy, until the next session of this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Your committee, therefore, under the peculiar circumstances of this case, beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the papers in the appeal case of CHARLES W. MAXWELL *vs.* Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, I O. O. F., be returned to the appellant through the D. D. G. Sire of Manitoba, on account of informalities, and that the said D. D. G. Sire be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to have the facts of the case properly certified to him, (after first notifying the appellant and the Lodge,) and when the facts have been so certified to him, the D. D. G. Sire, acting as the representative of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall consider and decide the case according to the right of the matter and the laws of our Order, and shall return his decision and all the papers in the case to the next session of this Sovereign Grand Lodge for its approval. And, in the meantime, the said decision of the D. D. G. Sire shall stand as the law of the case, and shall determine the relation of the appellant to the said Manitoba Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. COURTNEY,	WM. S. JOHNSON,	T. B. ELLIOTT,
WM. W. MORRIS,	WM. W. MORROW,	C. C. PEARCE,
W. H. CROCKER,	JAMES WOODYATT,	W. A. SHIELDS.

Rep. ELLIOTT, of Wisconsin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Unity Lodge, No. 47, of Ontario, against the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, would

most respectfully report: That Unity Lodge presented to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario certain amendments to its By-Laws for approval.

One of the By-Laws was in the following words: "Every brother who has been a member of this Lodge six months, if admitted by initiation, or three months, if admitted by card, shall be deemed a *bona fide* member, and when not under disability, etc., . . . if rendered incapable of following his usual or some other attainable occupation, by sickness or disability, etc., . . . shall receive a weekly benefit from the General Fund of the Lodge during such sickness or disability, commencing not more than one week anterior to the date at which the same shall have been reported to the Lodge," etc. . . . This By-Law only applied to members at home, and did not apply to brothers sick away from their homes.

The committee of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, to whom the By-Laws were referred, directed that the words "*commencing not more than one week anterior to the date at which the same shall have been reported to the Lodge*," in the By-Law above quoted, be stricken out, which report of the committee was sustained by the Grand Lodge of Ontario, from which action Unity Lodge takes this appeal.

On examination of the case and the Constitution and By-Laws of Unity Lodge, your committee are of the opinion that the By-Law proposed is not in conflict with the Constitution for Subordinates of Ontario, nor in conflict with any rule or decision of this Grand Body, nor contrary to the principles of the Order.

Your committee deem it proper for a Lodge to require notice to be given it for a demand for sick benefits, and that a Lodge has the right to impose a penalty for neglect, by a member claiming sick benefits, to inform the Lodge of his sickness and claim for benefits.

Your committee would therefore report the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of Unity Lodge, No. 47, be sustained

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. ELLIOTT, A. R. COURTNEY, WM. W. MORRIS,
WM. W. MORROW, C. C. PEARCE, W. H. CROCKER,
WM. S. JOHNSON, W. A. SHIELDS.

Rep. PEARCE, of Florida, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of W. B. LYON, Grand Secretary, *vs.* the Grand Lodge of California, as to whether the widow of a person who was not a member of the Order, but whose father and brother are members in good standing, and have attained the Scarlet Degree, are entitled to have the Degree of Rebekah, have carefully considered the same, and as there is a construction of law involved, most respectfully ask its reference to the Judiciary Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. PEARCE, WM. W. MORROW, A. R. COURTNEY,
WM. S. JOHNSON, WM. W. MORRIS, W. H. CROCKER,
T. B. ELLIOTT, JAMES WOODYATT, W. A. SHIELDS.

Rep. ELLIOTT, of Wisconsin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of D. N. FLITNER, P. C. P., from the action of Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, Sandwich

Islands, would respectfully report that, after careful examination of all the papers in this case, they find the only question in the appeal is whether the appellant is entitled to certain sick benefits claimed by him from Polynesia Encampment, to which he belongs.

The record is very voluminous, containing much that is in no way pertinent to the case, and the committee have had much doubt as to whether there were *any* facts *sufficient* to sustain appellant's claim for benefits.

It appears from the case, however, that on November 16, 1878, the appellant was reported in his Encampment by the C. P. as "unwell and entitled to benefits," and two weeks' benefits were voted him; that on December 21st, 1878, January 3d and 17th, and February 7th, 1879, the appellant was also reported by the C. P. of the Encampment entitled to benefits, or aid, or sympathy, but no benefits were given him.

It further appears that on February 7th, 1879, the Encampment declared by resolution that the appellant was not entitled to benefits. From this action of the Encampment Patriarch D. N. FLITNER appeals.

The By-Laws of Polynesia Encampment allow five dollars per week sick benefits to its members when sick and unable to pursue their ordinary calling, provided such sickness does not arise from intemperance or immoral conduct.

These are all the material facts in the case.

Your committee are of the opinion that the records of the Encampment show that benefits are due the appellant from November 16th, 1878, to February 7th, 1879, and therefore report the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of D. N. FLITNER, P. C. P., be sustained, and Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, be and is hereby directed to pay to said FLITNER sick benefits from November 16th, 1878, to February 7th, 1879—twelve weeks—at the rate of five dollars per week.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. ELLIOTT,	WM. W. MORROW,	C. C. PEARCE,
A. R. COURTNEY,	WM. W. MORRIS,	W. H. CROCKER,
WM. S. JOHNSON,	JAMES WOODYATT,	W. A. SHIELDS.

Rep. ELLIOTT, of Wisconsin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of D. N. FLITNER, P. G., from the action of Harmony Lodge, No. 3, Sandwich Islands, would most respectfully report that this is an appeal from the action of Harmony Lodge, refusing sick benefits to Bro. D. N. FLITNER. From the record before us, it appears that the demand of the appellant upon his Lodge for sick benefits was referred to a committee of five, satisfactory to the appellant, which committee, after several sessions, at which considerable testimony was taken, made the following report:

"HONOLULU, July 7, 1880.

"*To the Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Officers and Members of Harmony Lodge, No. 3, I. O. O. F.:*

"DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—Your committee appointed to investigate the matter of Bro. D. N. FLITNER, P. D. D. G. S., would respectfully report that they have fully inquired into the question.

"They find, from the statements of the different Past Grands, that Bro. FLITNER is not entitled to benefits for the whole time for which he claims benefits; but they do find that in the latter part of 1878 Bro. FLITNER was taken sick, and remained so for some months.

"The Sick and Visiting Committee almost entirely failed in their duty, as Bro. FLITNER was reported sick but once; but two worthy Past Grands stated that during the time, Bro. FLITNER was sick, and they considered him entitled to benefits. They could not state the exact length of time that Bro. FLITNER was sick, but the committee concluded that it must have been at least five months. Therefore, they recommend that benefits at the rate of seven dollars per week be paid Bro. FLITNER for that lengh of time."

This report came before the Lodge on July 15th, 1880, and was unanimously rejected; from which action of the Lodge Bro. FLITNER appealed.

Your committee have carefully read the record presented, and although the testimony is very incomplete, still it appears to your committee that *some* benefits were due the appellant from his Lodge, and that Harmony Lodge erred in not paying the same.

Your committee would, therefore, submit the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of D. N. FLITNER, P. G., be sustained, and that Harmony Lodge pay to appellant the amount reported due him by the committee of the Lodge—being five months' benefits at the rate of seven dollars per week—in addition to what had been previously paid him.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. ELLIOTT,	C. C. PEARCE,	JAMES WOODYATT,
WM. W. MORRIS,	W. H. CROCKER,	A. R. COURTNEY,
WM. W. MORROW,	WM. S. JOHNSON,	W. A. SHIELDS.

Rep. CROCKER, of Illinois, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom the appeal of WINFIELD S. TOMPKINS, P. G., *vs.* the R.W. Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was referred, beg leave to make the following report:

We have examined the evidence in the above case, and find that Bro. WINFIELD S. TOMPKINS was, no doubt, at one time entitled to benefits, which were paid promptly by the Lodge, until on or about Mareh 4th, 1879, when by motion, a eommittee of one (a brother, a physician,) was appointed to ascertain from the physieian attending Bro. TOMPKINS, his eondition, and report to the Lodge. On March 11th, 1879, the committee reported that he had learned from the appellant's physieian, and from personal examination, that the said brother was of a nervous disposition, and suffering more or less from different diseases, which were of sueh a nature "that he should not follow his former or usual occupation, or to do anything that would require much lirting, straining, or exposure to extremes of temperature." Yet it was the opinion of the physician who had examined the case that he should not refrain from all work, but that some light work would be advantageous.

There is nothing in the record showing that the appellant was unable to earn his livelihood by some attainable work, or that the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, erred in its deeision. And as the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island undoubtedly fully investigated the matter, we do not feel called upon to reverse its deeision. Therefore, we would report the following:

That the appeal be dismissed, and that the decision of the Grand Lodge be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CROCKER,	C. C. PEARCE,	A. R. COURTNEY,
WM. W. MORROW,	T. B. ELLIOTT,	JAMES WOODYATT,
WM. S. JOHNSON.		

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made

the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

C. S. GOODRICH, of Newton Lodge, No. 89, of Elmira, New York, appeals from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York to this Grand Body. The papers in the case are not printed nor certified to by the Grand Officers. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the papers be returned for informality, without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. MORRIS, A. R. COURTNEY, WM. W. MORROW,
C. C. PEARCE, T. B. ELLIOTT, WM. S. JOHNSON,
W H. CROCKER, JAMES WOODYATT, W. A. SHIELDS.

Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the case of Patriarch J. B. WILSON *vs.* Golden Gate Encampment, decided by the R. W. Grand Encampment of California, find the facts in the case to be as follows: Patriarch J. B. WILSON, a member of Golden Gate Encampment, No. 1, of California, appealed from the action of said Encampment in enforcing against him the provisions of an amendment to its By-Laws, adopted October 26th, 1877, whereby his benefits were reduced from ten to two dollars per week. The point in dispute appears to be as to the time when the reduction in benefits shall commence—whether after one thousand dollars have been paid dating from the enactment of the amendment, or so as to reach back and cover all amounts paid prior to that date.

The amendment reads as follows: "That when any Patriarch has received in the aggregate, as sick benefits, the sum of one thousand dollars, he shall thereafter be entitled to and receive, during his sickness, the sum of two dollars per week only."

It appears that, before the adoption of said amendment, Patriarch WILSON had received from the Encampment the sum of one thousand dollars and upwards, his sickness having been a continuous one for over four years; and that after the adoption of said amendment, the Encampment paid him continuously two dollars per week, as provided therein.

Patriarch WILSON appealed from the action of Golden Gate Encampment to the Grand Encampment of California, and that R. W. Grand Body confirmed the action of Golden Gate Encampment.

And from that decision Patriarch WILSON appeals to this R. W. Grand Lodge.

If a Subordinate can amend its By-Laws in this respect at any time, it follows that it can change the amount of benefit to be paid at any moment, and without regard to the question of who may be sick and entitled to benefits at the moment the change is made, or the amount of benefits which any member may have received prior to the change. If the amendment had been a general reduction of all benefits from ten dollars to two dollars per week, without regard to any amount that had been heretofore paid, it would have been in such strict accord with the law and the usage of the Order that no one would have thought to question the right of the Subordinate to make it. Why is it less lawful because it is only to apply when, and after, the Patriarch shall already have received one thousand dollars in sick benefits?

If a Subordinate can receive the financial, moral, and fraternal support of a member for a quarter of a century, under a By-Law allowing ten dollars

per week sick benefits, but without having drawn a dollar, and then, in his old age, so reduce the amount as that, when taken sick for the first time in his life, he shall receive but two dollars per week, why can it not provide for such reduction to apply to members who have, and when they shall have already, received from the common fund the sum of $1,000 in benefits actually paid? We can see no difference in the principle affecting the right, and assuredly, the latter provision is more just than the former.

We, therefore, submit the following:

Resolved, That the appeal be dismissed, and the action of the R. W. Grand Encampment of California be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES WOODYATT, C. C. PEARCE, W. H. CROCKER,
WM. W. MORRIS, T. B. ELLIOTT, WM. S. JOHNSON,
A. R. COURTNEY, W. A. SHIELDS.

Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Bros. E. N. ROGERS and M. B. CROSSMAN, of Protection Lodge, No. 28, against the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey, submit the following report:

In this case the facts are, that on the 10th day of November, 1879, Protection Lodge of New Jersey had a By-Law providing for the payment of five dollars per week for sick benefits; at that time Bros. ROGERS and CROSSMAN were sick or disabled, and had been so for more than fifty-two weeks, and had received benefits as provided by the By-Laws.

On the above date, Protection Lodge adopted an amendment to its By-Laws, as follows:

"That whenever a brother has received, for any such sickness or disability, benefits for fifty-two weeks, he shall thereafter be entitled to receive as benefits the sum of one dollar per week for any continuance of said sickness or disability.

After the passage of this amendment the Lodge paid the above named brothers one dollar per week. The appellants insisted that they should receive fifty-two weeks' benefits at the rate of five dollars per week after the passage of the amendment, before falling within the operation of the reduction to one dollar per week, and appealed from the action of the Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

That R. W. Grand Body dismissed the appeal, and sustained the Subordinate Lodge, and it is from that decision that the appeal is made to this R. W. Grand Lodge.

It has long been a well-known law that the Subordinate has the right to fix, by its By-Laws, the amount of benefits to be paid to its members, and the right to change those amounts from time to time. That being so, it seems to your committee that there is no good reason for the claim that the appellants set up, viz.: that they should be paid five dollars per week for fifty-two weeks after the passage of the amendment. If, in the opinion of the Subordinate, the change was necessary for its own protection in a financial point of view, the allowing of such a claim as that so set up in this case, might defeat the object the Subordinate had in view. In the opinion of your committee, the matter was settled by this R. W. Grand Lodge at its last session, in the case of DORRANCE *vs.* Grand Lodge of California. (Page 8329, Journal of 1880.)

We, therefore, submit the following:

Resolved, That the appeal be dismissed and the action of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES WOODYATT, A. R. COURTNEY, T. B. ELLIOTT,
WM. W. MORRIS, C. C. PEARCE, WM. S. JOHNSON,
W. H. CROCKER, W. A. SHIELDS.

Rep. CROCKER, of Illinois, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the case of J. H. SCHRYVER *vs.* the Grand Lodge of Ohio, beg leave to make the following report. We have examined all the evidence in the above case, and find that the facts are these: That on June 18th Bros. WM. BAUDER, M. B. RADCLIFF, and WM. DOANE were appointed a committee to investigate a complaint. On the 25th of June the committee made a report in which they charge the appellant—

"That he has unlawfully applied for and received benefits from said Lodge, and when not entitled to said benefits by the laws of the Order." "*Specification First*, That he has misrepresented his condition to said Lodge in order to obtain benefits, contrary to the laws of the Order, as provided in Section 6, Article XIII of the Constitution." "*Specification Second*, That he did, on the 7th day of May, 1880, and also at other times, apply for, and receive benefits from said Lodge, when not entitled to said benefits, and contrary to the laws of the Order, as provided in Section 9, Article IX of the Constitution."

The following are the sections referred to:

"SEC. 6. A member making use of improper means to obtain benefits, shall upon conviction thereof, be reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, as the Lodge may determine, under the provisions of the next succeeding article of these Laws."

"Sec. 9. A member who is sick or disabled, but is yet able to superintend or oversee his business, is not entitled to benefits."

On July 16th a trial was had on the charges, which were sustained, and he was expelled from the Lodge. Bro. S. W. COURTWRIGHT gave notice of an appeal against the action of the Lodge to the District Grand Committee of the District. On August 26th, 1880, a trial was had before said committee, and, after hearing the evidence and arguments in the case, the appeal was not sustained. Whereupon Bro. ALBERT ROOSE, counsel for Bro. J. H SCHRYVER, gave notice that he would appeal to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The evidence and the appeal were presented to the Appeal Committee of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which committee, at the last session of that Grand Body, (1881,) presented a report and recommended "that the appeal be sustained, and that Bro. SCHRYVER be restored to his rights as a member of said Columbia Lodge." A substitute was offered for the foregoing report as follows: "*Resolved*, That the appeal of Bro. J. H. SCHRYVER from the action of the District Grand Committee of Pickaway County, be and the same is hereby dismissed." Which substitute was adopted by the Grand Lodge. Leave to appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Ohio in the case of J. H. SCHRYVER *vs.* Columbia Lodge, No. 32, was granted to Bro. SIMON WISDEN, P. G.

To your committee there seems to be only one point at issue: Did Bro. SCHRYVER perpetrate a fraud upon the Lodge for the purpose of procuring benefits? Your committee have examined all the facts in the case, and they find by the evidence of four reputable physicians, who have practiced med-

icine from ten to forty-three years, that the appellant is suffering from a disease of the brain (caused by the excessive heat of the sun) which has produced a partial paralysis of the right side, which incapacitates him for doing any kind of business that requires mental or physical labor. On these points the four physicians agree. Further, the merchants of the city, his pastor, the mayor of the city, the hotel-keeper, and the Noble Grand of the Lodge in the city in which he resides, but of which he is not a member, all testify as to his inability to perform any mental or physical labor.

In behalf of the appellee, we find that there were two physicians who had only practiced medicine from seven to ten years, who, in company with an insurance agent, having no authority from the Lodge for their acts, as shown by the record, all being residents of a village some twenty miles distant, entire strangers to the appellant, called on Bro. SCHRYVER, made an examination of his condition, and reported "that there is no complete paralysis of any of his limbs, and, if any, very slight; that his mental faculties are unimpaired, and they do not believe him to be physically or mentally unable to perform at least moderate labor, and that his pretensions to complete mental and physical disability, as he represented to us, are totally inconsistent with his true condition. They would consider him able to perform ordinarily light mental or physical labor." Others also testify that he had performed certain acts of labor that did call into action certain muscles that were said to be paralyzed. These acts were observed from such positions and at such times that the identity of the person might be questioned.

The committee, after comparing the testimony of the physicians, upon whose evidence this case mainly rests, have come to the conclusion that there is not sufficient proof to convict the brother of the intent to defraud the Lodge in any way, shape, or manner. It must be borne in mind that the contention in this case is not whether the brother is entitled to benefits, but whether he fraudulently misrepresented his condition to obtain benefits. The extreme penalty of our Order should be inflicted only upon full proof. It is no small matter to an individual member to be expelled from an Order, and be branded as a man in the community not entitled to the confidence of his fellow-man. Again, it is very questionable whether Lodges should be encouraged to play the role of detectives, and, through investigating committees, privately hunt up evidence for the purpose of erasing a brother's name from the Lodge roll after he has grown old in years, and become afflicted by disease which renders him unable to earn his livelihood.

One remarkable feature disclosed by the record in this case is, that the physicians that testified in behalf of the Lodge made their examination of Bro. SCHRYVER, in company with the counsel of the Lodge, some days before any complaint was filed or any committee to investigate was appointed; and it was upon this evidence chiefly that the brother was expelled.

Your committee are aware that there exists an opinion among many of the members of this Grand Body that the Appeal Committee have no right to examine into the facts and weigh testimony in the case, and form their opinions from it. We are aware that there was an opinion given by the Committee on Appeals, in the case of BENJAMIN F. REYNOLDS, P. G., *vs.* Grand Lodge of Rhode Island (see Journal 1877, page 7364), which reads, "That where a subordinate Lodge acts upon a report of a committee upon matters of fact only, when there are facts to sustain the charges, and such action is sustained on appeal, this Grand Lodge will not interfere to disturb such judgment."

Your committee do not consider the statement of law embodied in the report as binding upon this Grand Body. There are many cases reported in the Journals of this Grand Body showing that it has not acted on this principle. In this case, now being considered, it does not appear from the records that the evidence has been weighed and passed upon by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, or upon what ground they based their action in not sustaining the report of the Appeal Committee of that Body.

Your committee are of the opinion that Columbia Lodge was not warranted by the evidence in expelling the brother; and, therefore, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of Bro. J. H. SCHRYVER from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio be sustained, and that said Grand Lodge restore him to membership in his Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CROCKER, WM. W. MORRIS, A. R. COURTNEY
C. C. PEARCE, JAMES WOODYATT, W. A. SHIELDS.'

Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of ANNIE RYDER against the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, would respectfully submit the following statement of the case and their conclusions thereon:

SIMEON C. RYDER, a member of Waugum Lodge, No 448, of Hawley, Pennsylvania, was taken sick in October, 1879, at which time he was owing the Lodge about one year's dues. On the 27th day of the following month, while yet sick, about five dollars was paid on account of his dues. About January 1st, 1879, he removed to another place, and was then reported to the Lodge, which took care of him until the day of his death on the 12th day of May following. No claim was made on the Lodge for funeral benefits; but on the 16th of July a bill of fifty dollars from an undertaker for coffin, services, etc., was presented to the Lodge, and payment refused. In January, 1880, another similar bill, with $7.50 added for a robe, was presented by the undertaker, and payment of this was also refused. He, claiming to act for the widow, then took an appeal from the action of the Lodge. The widow, however, in a letter to the Lodge, disclaimed having given him such authority, but it seems that after proceedings in the appeal case were begun, the widow revoked all former letters, etc., and authorized him to appeal in her behalf. The appeal went in due course to the Appeal Committee of the Grand Lodge, and the appellant claims that it was at first allowed by them, and sent to the Grand Master for his approval; but he referred it back to the committee, with the request to reopen and reconsider the case, which they did; but this time the appeal was dismissed, and this action was sustained by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The ground of appeal to this Grand Lodge is this, that the Appeal Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania erred in reopening the case after they had once decided it. The appellant further claims that the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of that State require of the Appeal Committee that they shall reduce their report to writing, and submit the same to the Grand Master, who, if he shall disapprove of it, shall submit the same to the Grand Lodge at its next session, with his reasons for not approving it; and because he did not do this, and because the case went back to the committee to be reopened, she claims she has been wronged, and comes to this Grand Lodge for redress. Your committee find that the law has been correctly stated; but in regard to the reopening of the case by the Appeal Committee the record does not support the claim. The appellant states that the Appeal Committee considered the case July 30th, 1880, and then voted to sustain the appeal, and that, at a meeting held September 29th, this action was reversed; but in the record of the committee, as certified to us under date of July 30th, 1880, occurs the following:

"On motion of P. G. WHITE: *Resolved*, That the appeal be dismissed, for the reason that the evidence shows that the disease from which SIMEON C. RYDER died was the same as his first sickness.

"The ayes were six and the nays three."

This record is so conclusive against the appellant that your committee need not go any further, as it destroys the only ground on which the appeal is claimed. But even if the facts were as stated by the appellant, that the committee did reopen the case without the authority of the By-Laws, it does not follow, necessarily, neither is it shown, that thereby any injury was done the appellant; for the case finally went to the Grand Lodge, and was there decided upon its merits, just as it would have been had the report been what it is claimed it was when first presented to the Grand Master, accompanied, as it would have been, by his reasons for disapproval. The informality, if there was one, was, therefore, not such a one as deprived the appellant of her rights; and, for this reason, as well as for the weightier one before referred to, your committee do not feel authorized to reverse the decision of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. They, therefore, recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of ANNIE RYDER *vs.* the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be dismissed, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. JOHNSON, WM. W. MORRIS, C. C. PEARCE,
WM. W. MORROW, JAMES WOODYATT, T. B. ELLIOTT,
W. H. CROCKER, A. R. COURTNEY, W. A. SHIELDS.

Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of GEO. E. EMMONS, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, would respectfully report, that it appears the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, in 1860, sanctioned the formation of an Odd Fellows' Library Association, and promised a yearly donation of one hundred dollars, which was paid up to the year 1870; after which time no payments were made. In 1875 the question came up in the Grand Lodge, whether it had a right to tax its Subordinates to pay the sum it had promised to the said Library Association, and the Grand Representatives were requested to bring the matter before the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and obtain a decision on this point.

In 1876 the Grand Representatives, in accordance with the foregoing request, brought the matter before this Grand Lodge, and it was referred to the Judiciary Committee, which committee, in 1877, reported to this effect: "That a State Grand Jurisdiction has not the power to impose such a tax;" and their report was adopted. (See Journal 1877, pp. 7381, 7474.)

At the January session of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia of this year, the Committee on Finance, in compliance with a resolution of said Grand Lodge, reported in their table of estimated expenses for the year, an item of fifty dollars for the Library Association, and recommended a per capita tax of fifty-five cents per member. Their report was adopted; and from this action of the Grand Lodge, P. G. EMMONS appeals to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

As this tax of fifty-five cents was intended, and so specified, to include the payment of the fifty dollars specified in the table of estimated expenses, it was clearly unauthorized, being contrary to the decision of this Grand Lodge in 1877. We, therefore, recommend that the appeal be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. JOHNSON, WM. W. MORROW, JAMES WOODYATT,
WM. W. MORRIS, C. C. PEARCE, T. B. ELLIOTT,
553 W. H. CROCKER, W. A. SHIELDS, A. R. COURTNEY.

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The appeal of Leavenworth Lodge, No. 2, from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Kansas, has been formally withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted, WM. W. MORRIS, *Chairman.*

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee of 1880, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Legislative Committee having been instructed at the last session (see Journal 1880, p. 8437) to prepare a form of Constitution suitable for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and report the same for adoption at this session, beg leave to report the forms herewith submitted. They ask the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the appended forms of Constitutions for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, respectively, working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, be, and the same are hereby, adopted as binding upon all such Subordinates. The Grand Secretary is hereby authorized to keep said forms in his office, for use by the said Subordinates.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. GAREY, JNO. C. UNDERWOOD, J. W. STEBBINS,
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, JOS. H. SLOSS, GEO. B. BOYLES,
FRED. CARLETON, T. J. STALEY, JNO. H. LOCKE.

CONSTITUTION FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.

The Right Worthy Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the purpose of securing uniformity in the administration of the privileges, honors and benefits of the Order in the several Lodges under its immediate jurisdiction, doth hereby ordain and decree that the following Articles shall form the Constitution for their government.

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. This Lodge shall be constituted by at least five members, including one qualified to preside at its sessions, and shall be hailed and entitled .....LODGE, No...., I. O. O. F., of....., and shall possess the full powers and privileges of a Subordinate Lodge, holding a legal and valid charter, under the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

Sec. 2. This Lodge shall have a seal, and all official documents shall be sealed therewith; a proof copy shall be deposited with the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Sec. 3. This Lodge shall adopt such By-Laws from time to time, as may be deemed expedient, provided they do not in any instance contravene any of these Articles, the Laws or Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or the principles of the Order, and shall transmit to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or Grand Sire, for approval, a copy of the By-Laws which it shall adopt for its government; and at the end of each term shall transmit, as aforesaid, for approval by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or during the recess,

by the Grand Sire, attested copies of all amendments, alterations and additions which have been made to said By-Laws during the term last past.

Sec. 4. Should this Lodge fail to make its returns, as required by Section 4, Article 10, of this Constitution, for one year, it shall thereby forfeit its charter and become extinct, and it shall become the duty of the last installed officers to transmit or surrender to the Grand Sire (or such officer as may be appointed by him to receive them), the charter, books, papers, funds, furniture, and all other property of the Lodge.

ARTICLE II.—*Membership.*

Section 1. No person shall be admitted to membership or be initiated into the mysteries of the Order in this Lodge, unless he be a white male of the full age of twenty-one years, of good moral character, and shall believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe.

Sec. 2. The name of a person offered for initiation must be presented by a member, in writing, at a regular session, stating his age, residence and business, with two good references, which shall be entered on the records, and the subject referred to a committee of three Brothers for investigation, who shall make a written report at the succeeding regular session, when the candidate shall be balloted for with ball ballots, and if not more than two black balls appear against him, he shall be elected; but if three or more appear, he shall be rejected, and so declared; and no petitioner who has been rejected by this or any other Lodge, shall be again proposed in this Lodge within six months after such rejection. At least five ballots must be cast.

Sec. 3. When all the Brothers who have cast black balls against a petition for membership, voluntarily make a motion for a reconsideration of the ballot, the same may be reconsidered, and in such case the vote on reconsideration shall be by ball ballots; and if all the ballots cast shall be in favor of it, the reconsideration shall be had; whereupon the application shall lie over until the succeeding session, when another ballot shall be had with ball ballots, and if the same be unanimously in favor of the applicant, he shall thereby be elected; but if one or more black balls appear in either ballot, the applicant shall be rejected; and in no case shall a reconsideration be had except on the voluntary motion of all those who cast the black balls, and no more than one reconsideration in the same case shall be allowed; *Provided*, that such reconsideration shall be had within four weeks after the rejection.

Sec. 4. An application for membership may be withdrawn without the permission of the Lodge before the report of the committee thereon is read to the Lodge, but not afterwards.

Sec. 5. When a petition has been rejected, notice thereof shall be sent, without delay, to all the Lodges in this jurisdiction.

Sec 6. All applications for reinstatement of suspended members shall be treated, in every respect, as other applications for membership; provided, however, that if a majority of the members vote for the reinstatement, the candidate shall be reinstated.

Sec. 7. A Brother of the Order who wishes to become a member of this Lodge, shall present his withdrawal card from the Lodge of which he was formerly a member, which card shall be referred to a committee of three Brothers, who shall report in writing as soon as practicable, when a ballot shall be taken, and if a majority of white balls appear, he shall be admitted by paying such sum as the committee may recommend, or the Lodge determine by its By-Laws; but if a majority of black balls appear, he shall be declared rejected. An applicant by deposit of withdrawal card, whose application has been rejected, may apply again at the next regular meeting.

Sec. 8. An Ancient Odd Fellow can be admitted by referring his application to an investigating committee, and disposing of it in other respects, as is provided for other applicants by Section 2 of this Article, and on his paying into the Lodge fund a sum not less than five dollars.

Sec. 9. No petition for membership, either by initiation or upon card, or as an Ancient Odd Fellow, shall be received or acted upon by this Lodge, if the residence of the applicant be out of this jurisdiction. If the candidate shall reside within this jurisdiction, but within a less distance of any other Lodge, it cannot be received, unless the written consent (attested by the Noble Grand and Secretary, with the seal of the Lodge affixed), of the Lodge nearest the residence of the applicant be first obtained. Should there be two or more Lodges in the same town or city, or at an equal distance from the residence of the applicant, the choice of Lodges to which he may apply is optional with the petitioner.

Sec. 10. Membership commences at the time of signing the Constitution. Election to membership shall be forfeited if the applicant fails to come forward and be initiated within one month, unless, by a unanimous vote, the Lodge shall determine otherwise. If a person be proposed for membership, and is elected, and previous to initiation the Lodge obtain information of unworthy conduct on his part, it may refuse, by a two-third vote of the members present, to initiate him, and shall, in case of such refusal, refund him the proposition fee.

Sec. 11. No person shall be initiated for a less sum than five dollars, and a petition for membership shall be accompanied by a fee of one dollar, which fee shall be forfeited to the Lodge should the applicant fail to appear for initiation within one month after his election, unless additional time be granted by the Lodge. In case the applicant be rejected, the fee shall be returned through the Secretary, who shall notify him of his rejection, without disclosing any of the circumstances of the proceedings.

Sec. 12. Members in "Good Standing," within the meaning of the laws of the Order, shall be: First, contributing members of the Lodge, who are not indebted thereto for an amount equal to three months' dues, and against whom no charge of delinquency or misconduct is pending; and, second, all members endorsed by legal cards.

ARTICLE III.—*Dues and Benefits.*

Section 1. The regular contribution to the Lodge funds shall be determined by the By-Laws, as well as the amount for widows and orphans, education fund, fines and funeral tax; and any member who may owe more than three months' dues, which shall include taxes and fines of every name and nature, shall not be entitled to benefits until such arrearages are paid; and any member who may be indebted for twelve months' dues, which shall include taxes and fines, shall not be entitled to benefits for thirty days after the day on which such arrearages are paid, and should any member be taken sick or become disabled whilst more than three months in arrears for dues, which shall include taxes and fines, he shall not be entitled to benefits during such sickness or disability, and any member owing twelve months' dues, which shall include fines and taxes, shall be notified by the Secretary, without delay, by a written notice of the amount due, and that unless the same be paid within one month from the date of such notice his name will be dropped from the roll. Should the member fail to pay the amount due as aforesaid, the Secretary shall report the fact to the Lodge, which may, by vote, order the name to be dropped from the roll, and the member shall not thereafter be entitled to any of the benefits or privileges of the Order.

Sec. 2. Every Third Degree member of this Lodge who shall have been a member for one month, and has complied with this Constitution and the By-Laws of this Lodge, who is sick or unable to pursue any occupation or calling, shall be entitled to receive from the funds of the Lodge such an amount of money per week as sick benefits, for each and every week during such sickness or disability, as may be fixed and determined by the By-Laws; provided always that such sickness or disability does not proceed from intemperance or immoral conduct on his part; and provided also, that no member shall receive benefits for more than one week prior to the date the

Lodge receives notice, except in the case of distant members. And no claim for benefits shall be allowed for a shorter duration than one week, nor for the first weeks' sickness of such member.

Sec. 3. In case of the death of a member in good standing, there shall be allowed by the Lodge a sum not less than thirty dollars ($30) to defray the expenses of the burial; which shall be paid over, without delay, by the Noble Grand to the deceased Brother's widow or next of kin The Noble Grand, in the absence of competent relatives, shall take charge of the funeral.

Sec. 4 Residence at a distance from the vicinity of the Lodge shall not disqualify a Brother from receiving benefits, provided he is not disqualified by the 1st and 2d Sections of this Article. It will be necessary for a Brother so circumstanced, to send to the Noble Grand of this Lodge a true statement of his case, attested by the Noble Grand of the Lodge nearest to the place where he may be, and under seal of said Lodge; or, if no Lodge be near, his case, complaint, and the circumstances shall be certified by a respectable physician, and accompanied by his own affidavit before a magistrate.

Sec. 5. The Committee of Relief shall consist of the Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Treasurer, and four appointed Brothers, whose duty it shall be to visit Brothers reported sick, within twenty-four hours after receiving information of the same, and continue to render them, during their sickness, such assistance as the laws may provide. It shall be the duty of the Noble Grand, as chairman of the committee, to arrange that sick Brothers shall be visited at least once a day during their illness, provided, always, that the disease be not contagious, in which case the Relief Committee may employ a nurse, to be paid from the funds of the Lodge. The committee shall make weekly reports to the Lodge. The Noble Grand shall each week draw an order in favor of the sick Brother, for such sum as may be due him, as specified in the By-Laws.

Sec. 6. Should the Relief Committee believe that any Brother is not so sick or disabled as to render him incapable of procuring the means of subsistence for himself, and any dispute arise between the Relief Committee and the Brother, the matter shall be referred to the Lodge for its decision.

Sec. 7. When relief is extended to a Brother who is not a member of this Lodge, the amount shall be endorsed upon his card, and the Lodge to which he belongs shall be notified immediately.

Sec. 8. All claims for benefits shall be made within thirty days from the termination of the sickness for which they are claimed.

Sec. 9. In all questions of appeal involving the payment of sick or funeral benefits, such benefits shall not be paid until a final decision has been rendered upon such appeal.

ARTICLE IV.—*Cards.*

Section 1. A member who is free from charges on the books of the Lodge and in good standing, shall, on application to the Lodge, receive a visiting card, by paying his dues to the time for which such card is granted, and such amount therefor as the By-Laws shall direct. No card shall be granted for any period exceeding twelve months, and when the time has expired for which the card is granted, it shall be returned to the Lodge.

Sec. 2. When a member desires to withdraw from the Lodge he shall make application, in person or writing, at a regular session, and if he is free from all charges on the books, and a majority of the members present agree thereto by a ballot, he shall be entitled to a withdrawal card, which dissolves his connection with the Lodge.

Sec. 3. Should a majority of the members present refuse, upon a ballot thereon, to grant a withdrawal card, the applicant, upon the payment of all dues, and tender of a written resignation, and not being under charges, shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary, under seal, a certificate that he has resigned his membership; and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the member was in good standing at the time of his resignation; or

upon the refusal of the Lodge to grant the card, the applicant may appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Sec. 4. Upon the granting of a withdrawal card, whether it is actually taken or not, the membership of the applicant therefor, in the Lodge granting the same shall cease and determine from the time the same is granted; and to regain his membership in this or any other Lodge, he must be regularly elected as other applicants by deposit of card. A member holding a withdrawal card is entitled to the A. T. P. W., in use at the time the card is granted, and to visit thereon for one year therefrom. The Lodge has power to recall or annul visiting or withdrawal cards when charges are preferred and duly proved.

Sec. 5. Should a Brother, applying for a visiting or withdrawal card, be absent from the location of the Lodge, so that he cannot obtain the A. T. P. W. with his card in person, it shall be the duty of the proper officers, upon the granting of such card, to transmit the same to the Brother, and also to send therewith a letter, in the following form, to wit:

.....Lodge, No...., of....., State of....., ...day of.....18..

To the Noble Grand of any Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The bearer, Brother....., holding a legal card from this Lodge, dated this....day of..... 18.., for the period of .... months, is entitled to the A. T. P. W. for the current year, which please communicate to him after due examination, whereupon you will detain or destroy this letter.

....., *N. G.*

[SEAL.] ....., *Secretary.*

Sec. 6. This Lodge shall keep a register, in which shall be recorded the name, date and time for which all cards issued by the Lodge are granted, and at the expiration of a card, it shall be returned and so recorded, and no Brother can obtain a new card until he has returned the one standing against his name.

ARTICLE V.—*Trials and Penalties.*

Section 1. Any member who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or offend against this Constitution or the By-Laws, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the Constitution and By-Laws may direct and the Lodge determine; but no Brother shall be put on trial unless charges shall be preferred against him within three years after the time of committing the offence.

Sec. 2. If any member divulge the name of a Brother who shall speak or vote against a candidate for membership, or a Brother under charges; or if any member shall make public any business which should be confined to the Lodge, he shall be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, at the pleasure of the Lodge.

Sec. 3. No officer shall preside when his trial is taking place in the Lodge.

Sec. 4. All suspensions (as a means of punishment) must be for a definite period, not exceeding one year. At the end of the term of punishment, the Brother shall return to his rank in the Lodge without further action. A Brother who has been legally expelled, shall not be again admitted to membership without the consent of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Sec. 5. All trials arising under the provisions of this Article shall be conducted substantially according to the following

CODE OF PROCEDURE.

SECTION I.

Rule 1.—All charges against members of the Order in this jurisdiction made pursuant to the provisions of Article V of this Constitution, shall be drawn in the manner prescribed in Form 1, Section V of this Code, and be signed by a member in good standing. The general charge shall be an aver-

ment of "Conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow," followed by a specification or specifications stating the time, place and circumstances of the offense; and each offense shall be the subject of a separate specification.

Rule 2.—The charges and specifications shall be presented and read to the Lodge at a regular session, when open in the Order of "New Business," and shall be entered in full on the records.

Rule 3.—The Lodge shall immediately after the reading of the charge, if the accused Brother be present, proceed to the choice, by ballot, of a Committee of Trial, consisting of five, who must, if possible, have the same or a higher degree than that attained by the accused Any member nominated as one of the Committee of Trial may be challenged for cause by the accuser, accused, or any member of the Lodge, in which case the Lodge shall proceed to the election of the members against whom no challenge has been made. The grounds of challenge or challenges shall then be stated, when the vote shall be taken, and if two-thirds of those voting shall vote in favor of the challenged Brother, he shall be declared elected. Should such Brother fail to be elected, new nominations must be made, and proceedings had until the committee is filled. Should the accused Brother be absent, the choice of the committee shall be postponed for two weeks, and the Secretary of the Lodge shall notify the absent Brother of the fact that charges have been preferred against him, and of the time when the committee is to be appointed; and should the Brother fail to appear at the time aforesaid, he shall be deemed to have waived his right of challenge, and the Lodge shall proceed to the choice of the committee as herein provided.

Rule 4.—The Secretary shall make a copy of the charge and specifications, affix thereto the seal of the Lodge, and certify it substantially according to Form 2, Section V of the Code, and serve, or cause the same to be served, upon the accused. He shall also certify, under seal, the original charge and specifications, and deliver the same to the first named member of the committee, according to Form 3, Section V of the Code, and shall notify each member thereof of his appointment, according to Form 4, Section V.

Rule 5.—The first named member of said committee shall, within one week after receiving notice of his appointment, call a meeting of the committee for organization, when a Chairman and Secretary shall be elected, and a suitable time and place be appointed for an adjourned meeting, which shall not be held in less than two weeks, at which the accuser and accused shall be notified to appear and proceed with the trial. The notice shall be in accordance with Form 5, Section V of this Code, and must be served upon the parties personally, if they can be found, otherwise by leaving the same at their last known place of residence, if in the town or city where the Lodge is located, at least one week prior to the time of the trial. If the accused resides out of the town, the notice shall be directed to his last known place of residence and left at the postoffice, and if the Brother so notified shall not appear at the time specified, or offer satisfactory reasons therefor, the committee shall proceed as if he were present, or they may report by resolution, to expel the member so refusing to appear, for contempt of the Lodge.

Rule 6.—At the time specified for the trial, the accuser and accused being present and answering, the charge and specifications shall be read, and the accuser be required to make answer to each specification contained in the charge. Should the accused object to a specification on the ground of indefiniteness, the accuser shall have leave to amend, provided such amendment be made immediataly. The accused may then plead to each specification either of the following answers:

1. That the alleged offense is not within the legal jurisdiction of the Lodge.
2. That the complaint contained in the specification is frivolous.
3. Admit the facts stated and justify the alleged offense.
4. Guilty.
5. Not guilty.

Rule 7.—The report of the committee shall state the findings on each specification and on the charge, according to Form 6, Section V of the Code, and shall be accompanied by an accurate record of their proceedings, rulings and decisions, together with the evidence taken during the trial, and a resolution or resolutions for adoption by the Lodge, which shall be submitted to the Lodge within one month after the case has been submitted to them. Should there be a minority report, it shall be drawn and presented in a similar manner.

Rule 8.—The report of the committee shall be received and entered in full in the records, without discussion, and laid over for action at the second regular session thereafter. The Secretary shall immediately transmit to the accuser and the accused a copy of the report or reports, and also notify them of the time when the same will be acted upon, in the manner prescribed in Rule 5. At the time fixed upon to consider the report the Lodge may proceed to consider and determine the matter, whether the accused Brother be present or not, and in all cases involving the suspension or expulsion of a member, it shall require a vote of two-thirds of the members present to adopt the resolution, and the Lodge shall be fully competent, while such motion is under consideration, to vary the penalty from the original motion. Either party may object to any of the rulings and decisions of the committee, when the Lodge shall take up the report for consideration.

Rule 9.—At the regular meeting of the Lodge two weeks after the report of the committee, the case shall be taken up; the findings, rulings and resolutions of the committee read and considered, and all testimony, if any, bearing thereon; and the Lodge shall, by vote, adopt or reject the resolutions which may be submitted by the committee, subject to the provisions of Rule 8.

Rule 10.—When the Lodge shall have taken final action as aforesaid, the Secretary shall at once give notice thereof, under seal, to the party against whom the decision is rendered, by delivering the same to him personally, or by leaving it at his last known place of residence, from which decision he may appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge within two weeks after the service of such notice, by filing with the Secretary a written notice of such appeal, and the grounds thereof, according to Form 7, Section V of the Code, and also by serving a notice of appeal upon the Grand Secretary, according to Form 8, Section V.

SECTION II.—*Rules Governing Committees.*

Rule 1.—Three members of a Committee of Trial shall constitute a quorum and be competent to proceed with the preliminary trial. All questions requiring a decision of the committee shall be determined by a majority of those present.

Rule 2.—When the accuser or accused shall notify the chairman of the Committee of Trial, in writing, that he requires the presence of a member of the Order, as a witness, the chairman shall endorse such notice, stating the time and place of meeting, and transmit it to the Noble Grand of the Lodge of which such witness is a member, who shall immediately cause the member (or members) named, to be summoned to attend as a witness, according to Form 9, Section V of the Code.

Rule 3.—The committee shall keep correct minutes of the proceedings, which must show:

1. The date and place of each meeting, and the parties present.
2. The charges and specifications, and answers or pleas of the accused.
3. All points raised and the decisions thereon.
4. The exceptions taken by either party.
5. Parol evidence in full, subscribed by the witnesses.
6. Documentary evidence distinctly marked.
7. Decisions of the committee upon each specification and charge.

Rule 4.—the report must be signed by at least three members of the committee.

SECTION III.—*Evidence and Witnesses.*

Rule 1.—The evidence competent to be admitted before the Committee of Trial shall be: 1. Testimony of witnesses, who shall appear before the committee; 2. Depositions; 3. Records of Lodge; 4. Documentary evidence, etc. The committee shall determine the admissibility of the evidence offered, subject to exceptions by either party; the exceptions so taken shall be entered by the committee upon its minutes.

Rule 2.—After the direct and cross examination of a witness has been concluded, the witness shall not be further examined or recalled except to explain evidence given on his original examination, or by consent of the opposing party.

Rule 3. Extracts from the records of a Lodge shall be authenticated by the Secretary, under seal. No Lodge shall be allowed to challenge its records, or extracts taken therefrom, when duly authenticated

Rule 4.—Members of the Order shall qualify under their obligations as Odd Fellows, according to Form 12, Section V of the Code; witnesses, not members, shall be qualified by some civil officer authorized to administer oaths.

Rule 5.—Depositions of absent witnesses shall be procured in the manner prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., Journal of 1857, pp. 2738, 2774; Journal of 1858, pp. 2909, 2926.

Rule 6.—The attendance of a person as a witness who is not a member of the Order, must be procured by the party desiring him.

Rule 7.—After the evidence for the accused shall have been put in, the prosecution may introduce testimony in rebuttal of the witnesses for the defence, but for no other purpose.

SECTION IV.—*Appeals.*

Rule 1.—All appeals by Subordinate Lodges, or their members, shall be presented within twenty days from the action of the Lodge appealed from, to be forwarded with all the papers properly certified to the District Deputy Grand Sire for transmission to the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; and no appeal will be considered unless such course is taken.

Rule 2.—The Lodge shall, within twenty days after the reception of a notice of appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, through its Secretary, deliver to the Grand Secretary, under seal, a certified copy of the charge, minutes of the Committee of Trial, and also of the records of the Lodge relating to the subject matter of the appeal; and the original testimony taken at the trial, according to Form 10, Section V of the Code.

Rule 3. Should the Lodge fail to make the above return, the Grand Secretary shall notify the Lodge of such failure, and direct the return to be made within ten days from the receipt of the notice according to Form 11, Section V of the Code, and if default be made, he shall report the Lodge to the Grand Sire as insubordinate.

Rule 4.—The Grand Secretary shall, at the time required by law, present the appeal, together with all the papers in the case received by him, to the Chairman of the Committee on Appeals of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Rule 5.—When an appeal shall finally be decided by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary shall, within one month after such decision, notify the Lodge and the appellant thereof. The record in appeals from a Subordinate Lodge need not be printed.

SECTION V.

Form 1.—*Charge and Specifications.*

....., ..., 18.

To.....Lodge, No. ...., I. O. O. F.

The undersigned, a member of.....Lodge, No...., I. O. O. F., does hereby charge Brother ....., of said Lodge, with CONDUCT

UNBECOMING AN ODD FELLOW, and the grounds of this charge are more particularly set forth in the following specification, to wit:

Specification First—The above named ....., in violation of the laws of the Order, did on or about the ..... day of ..... 18.., (here state the offense, place and other circumstances, and continue with specification second, etc., as provided in Rule 1, Section I).

Fraternally submitted, (Signed).....

Form 2.—Notice to the Accused.

.....Lodge, No. ...., I. O. O. F.
....., 18..

BROTHER.....

Enclosed in this notice I transmit a copy of charge and specifications preferred against you by ..... of .....Lodge, No. ... The same were referred to a Committee of Trial, consisting of (give names). The officers of said committee will notify you of the time and place to appear for answer.

Fraternally,

[SEAL.] .....Secretary.

Form 3.—Notice to Temporary Chairman of Committee to Try Charges.

.....Lodge, No. ...., I. O. O. F.
....., 18..

BROTHER.....

The members named below were this evening appointed a Committee of Trial on the charge and specifications preferred by .....against ..... As the temporary chairman of such committee, you will, within one week after receiving this notice, call a meeting of said committee for organization. The committee consists of Brothers (give names).

Fraternally,

[SEAL.] .....Secretary.

Form 4.—Notice to Members of Committee.

.....Lodge, No. ...., I. O. O. F.
....., 18..

BROTHER..... .....

You were this evening appointed as one of the Committee of Trial on the charge and specifications preferred by ..... against..... Brother ....., the temporary chairman of the committee will notify you of the time and place of the meeting of the committee for organization.

Fraternally,

[SEAL.] .....Secretary.

Form 5.—Notice to Accuser and Accused to Attend Meeting of Committee.

....., 18..

BROTHER.....

The Committee of Trial on the charge and specifications preferred by ..... against ....., will meet (give the time and place), to hear and decide the case. You are hereby notified to be present and (sustain or defend) the same.

Fraternally,

....Chairman.
.....Secretary.

Form 6.—Report of Committee of Trial.

....., 18..

To.....Lodge, No. ...., I. O. O. F,

The undersigned a (*majority or minority*) of the committee to investigate the charge and specifications preferred by ..... against..... respectfully report: That after hearing the parties, they find (state finding

on each specification and the charge, as required by Rule 7, Section I). The minutes of the doings of the committee, a copy of the evidence taken, and papers pertaining to the trial, are herewith placed in the custody of the Secretary of the Lodge. Fraternally submitted,

(Signed by committee).

Form 7.—Notice of Appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

....., 18..

To.....Lodge, No. ...., I. O. O. F.

The undersigned hereby give notice that he appeals to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., from the action of the Lodge in the matter of charge and specifications preferred by ..... against ..... This appeal is taken on the ground of (here state the grounds of appeal).

Fraternally, (Signed).....

Form 8.—Appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

The undersigned, a member of ..... Lodge, No. ...., respectfully appeals to your R. W. Body from the action of said Lodge (state the action from which the appeal is taken and the grounds upon which it rests). Your appellant asks that you will reverse said action, or grant such other relief as you may deem the merits of the case demand.

Fraternally, (Signature and residence).....

Form 9.—Notice to Attend as Witness.

....Lodge, No. ...., I. O. O. F.,
....., 18..

BROTHER..... ...

You are hereby notified to attend as witness before the Committee of Trial on the charge and specifications preferred by.....against..... (state the time and place). By order of the Noble Grand.

[SEAL.] Fraternally, ..., Secretary.

Form 10.—Certificate Accompanying Return of Lodge, under Rule 1, Section IV.

.....Lodge, No. ...., I. O. O. F.,
....., 18..

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

Inclosed you will receive the return of this Lodge in the matter of the appeal of.....to your R. W. Body, required by Rule 1, Section IV. I hereby certify that the same embraces correct copies of all the minutes and papers relating to the case, in my possession, or in possession of the Lodge, and also the original testimony taken at the trial.

[SEAL.] Fraternally, ..., Secretary,

Form 11.—Notice of Grand Secretary to Lodge, under Rule 3, Section IV.

Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.,
Office of the Grand Secretary,
....., 18..

To.....Lodge, No. ...., I. O. O. F.

On the ..... day of ..... I received from..... an appeal from the action of your Lodge in matter of (state cause of appeal). The papers relating to the appeal not having been transmitted to me within the time specified by law, you are hereby notified to forward the same to me within ten days from the receipt of this notice. Should I not receive them, it will be my unpleasant duty to proceed under Rule 3, Section IV of the Code. Fraternally,

.....Grand Secretary.

Form 12.—*Obligation to Witness to be Administered by the Chairman of the Committee.*

You do sincerely declare upon your honor as an Odd Fellow, that the evidence you shall give in the matter of charge preferred by..... against ..... now pending, shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Thus you do affirm.

Sec. 6. Notice of the expulsion or suspension of a member, with the cause thereof, shall be given by the Secretary forthwith, to all the Lodges and Encampments in this jurisdiction.

Sec. 7. This Lodge shall have a book, in which shall be entered the names of all persons rejected, suspended or expelled by this or any other Lodge, of which they may have received due notice, with the date and cause of such suspension or expulsion.

ARTICLE VI.—*Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues and Reinstatement.*

Section 1. A member of this Lodge, who is in arrears for dues for the period of one year, may be suspended or dropped from membership, but he cannot be expelled from the Order on account of being in arrears for dues.

Sec. 2. A member suspended or dropped from membership for non-payment of dues, may be reinstated in the Lodge within one year after suspension, by paying the amount of one year's dues, and being reinstated in the manner prescribed by the By-Laws.

Sec. 3. After one year from the date of suspension, a member dropped or suspended for non-payment of dues, may be reinstated upon the payment of the fee charged for an initiate of the same age, or such less sum as the By-Laws may prescribe.

Sec. 4. A member suspended or dropped from membership for non-payment of dues, who makes application for reinstatement and for a withdrawal card, for the purpose of uniting with another Lodge in this jurisdiction, may be reinstated and granted a withdrawal card at any time within five years from the date of suspension, upon the payment of one year's dues and the usual price of a card.

Sec. 5. A member suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, after five years' suspension, wishing to join a Lodge in this jurisdiction, shall be entitled to receive, and the Lodge shall grant, upon proper application, a dismissal certificate upon the receipt of one dollar.

Sec. 6. This Lodge, upon proper application and the receipt of one dollar, may, at its discretion, by a majority vote of the members present, grant a dismissal certificate to a member suspended for non-payment of dues, to enable such suspended member to join a Lodge in this jurisdiction before the five years have expired.

Sec. 7. A member suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, wishing to regain membership in another jurisdiction, shall be entitled to receive, and the Lodge shall grant, upon proper application, a dismissal certificate, upon the receipt of one dollar.

Sec. 8. In all cases wherein this Lodge shall refuse to reinstate a member suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, he shall be entitled to receive, and the Lodge shall, upon proper application, grant a dismissal certificate, upon the receipt of one dollar.

Sec. 9. Dismissal certificates may be received upon deposit (as Ancient Odd Fellows) in this Lodge, but the privilege of visiting the Lodge shall not be awarded to the holder of a dismissal certificate.

ARTICLE VII.—*Of Officers and their Qualifications.*

Section 1. *Elective Officers.*—The elective officers of this Lodge shall consist of a Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected at the first meeting in June and December, or at the last meeting in

those months, and a Permanent Secretary, who shall be elected for one year, at the last session in December or the first meeting night in that month.

Sec. 2. At the last session in December, there may be elected by ballot, in addition, three Trustees, to serve one year, should the Lodge deem it expedient.

Sec. 3. The appointed officers shall consist of a Warden, Conductor, Outside Guardian, Inside Guardian, Right Supporter to Noble Grand, Left Supporter to Noble Grand, and Right and Left Scene Supporters, who shall be appointed by the Noble Grand; and Right and Left Supporters to Vice Grand, who shall be appointed by the Vice Grand, on the night of installation, and shall serve a regular term, or until others are appointed in their places; and the Noble Grand shall appoint a Chaplain for a similar term.

Sec. 4. No Brother shall be eligible to the chair of the Noble Grand, unless he has served a regular term as Vice Grand; nor shall any Brother be eligible as Vice Grand, unless he has served twenty-six nights in some inferior office, except for the two terms after a Lodge has been instituted, or unless he has been elected to fill a vacancy as hereinafter provided for.

Sec. 5. Service in the Vice Grand's chair for one term is, in general, a necessary qualification for the office of Noble Grand. But if a vacancy occurs in the office of Noble or Vice Grand, and all qualified members of the Lodge decline to accept the office, a third degree member may be elected to fill the vacancy, provided a dispensation be first obtained from the Grand Sire or his Deputy for that purpose.

Sec. 6. Any and all elective officers may be nominated and re-elected.

Sec. 7. No member shall be eligible to, or serve in, two elective offices at the same time, except that the Recording Secretary may officiate as Permanent Secretary.

Sec. 8. Nominations for the elective officers shall be made at such times as may be determined by the By-Laws.

Sec. 9. When there is more than one nominee for an office, the election shall be by written or printed ballots, and each candidate shall be voted for separately, and must receive a majority of the votes given to be elected. Should there be no choice on the first ballot, the candidate having the smallest number of votes shall be dropped at the next ballot, and so on each successive ballot, until an election is had.

Sec. 10. It shall be the duty of the Noble Grand to appoint two tellers at elections, who, with the Warden, shall canvass the votes given, and the Warden shall declare the result to the Noble Grand, by whom it shall be announced to the Lodge.

Sec. 11. Should any officer absent himself for three successive sessions (except on account of sickness), his seat may be declared vacant by a vote of a majority of the members present.

Sec. 12. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in any of the elective offices of the Lodge, it shall be announced by the presiding officer at a stated session. A nomination shall then be made, and at the next stated session thereafter, an election shall be held for the residue of the term; and officers so serving shall be entitled to the full honors of the term. Should a vacancy occur in any of the appointed offices, the Noble Grand (or Vice Grand) shall immediately proceed to fill the same by appointment for the remainder of the term.

Sec. 13. When any member of a committee shall fail to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of the Lodge, he may be dismissed from the committee (two-thirds of those present being in favor of the motion) one week after a motion to that effect, in writing, shall have been offered to the Lodge. It shall be the duty of every officer, and member of any committee, to give and surrender to the Noble Grand all papers or property, of whatever kind, belonging to the Lodge, at the end of their term or dismissal from office.

Sec. 14. All officers must be clear of the books of the Lodge at the time of their installation.

ARTICLE VIII.—*Duties of Officers.*

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Noble Grand to preside at all the sessions and enforce a due observance of the Constitution and By-Laws, and a proper respect for the authority of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and its edicts; see that all officers of the Lodge and its members, or committees, perform their respective duties, as enjoined by the several charges and these laws; and appoint all officers and committees not otherwise provided for. He shall not be entitled to vote, except at the election of officers, when balloting for candidates, or when the members are equally divided on other questions, when he shall give the casting vote, excepting in cases of appeal from his decision; shall inspect and announce the result of all ballotings or other votes by the Lodge; have charge of the Charter, which he must always have in the Lodge while in session; draw upon the Treasurer for all sums that have been voted by the Lodge, or that may be necessary to pay the benefits provided by these laws; and perform such other duties as appertain to his office. He shall not make or second any motion, neither shall he take any part whatever in any debate, while in the chair, and it shall also be the duty of the Noble Grand to receive from the officers the books of charges, and to see that they are deposited in the archives of the Lodge previous to his leaving the room.

Sec. 2. The Vice Grand shall assist the Noble Grand in presiding in the Lodge, and have special charge of the door under the Noble Grand. In case of the absence of the Noble Grand, he shall preside, and perform all other duties required by the charges and usages of the Order.

Sec. 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Lodge; he shall write all communications, fill up all certificates and cards granted by the Lodge; issue all summonses and notices required; attest to all moneys ordered to be paid at regular sessions, and none other; he shall have and safely keep the seal of the Lodge; he shall make out at the end of the year for the Sovereign Grand Lodge, a full return of the Lodge during the year, as prescribed by the laws; and perform such other duties, appertaining to his office, as may be required of him by the Lodge, and his charge, and have his books written up for the Finance Committee, within a reasonable time, and deliver up to his successor all books, papers or other properties belonging to his office, and for the faithful discharge of his duties he may be paid, if the Lodge shall so determine.

Sec. 4. The Permanent Secretary (or Secretary, should there be no Permanent Secretary) shall keep a just and true account between the Lodge and its members; he shall receive all moneys due the Lodge, and pay the same over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same. He shall notify each member who is in arrears of the amount due by him to the Lodge, and at the last session in each quarter report to the Lodge the names of all Brothers in arrears, with the amount due from each, designating those who have been legally notified; and at the close of each year, in connection with the Recording Secretary, he shall fill out for the Grand Lodge a full return of the finances of the Lodge, as prescribed by their laws; and for the faithful discharge of his duties he may receive such compensation as the Lodge may determine.

Sec. 5. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive all moneys of the Lodge, and pay to the Trustees all sums over and above one hundred dollars, taking their receipt for the same, or invest the same, as the Lodge may direct; pay all orders drawn on him by the Noble Grand and attested by the Secretary, and none others; keep a full and correct account of all moneys received and expended; give the Lodge at the first session in each month a statement of its funds; furnish the Lodge, at the first session in the term, with a full report of the receipts and disbursements of the past term, with the vouchers; have his books written up for the Finance Committee prior to the commencement of the new term; and deliver up, when legally called

upon, all moneys, bonds, papers, books, etc., belonging to the Lodge, to his successor in office, or to whom the Lodge may specially appoint, and may receive such compensation as the Lodge may determine. He shall, prior to his installation in office, give a joint and several bond to the Noble Grand and Vice Grand, with surety or sureties to be approved by the Lodge, for the faithful performance of his duties as Treasurer.

Sec. 6. The duties of the Trustees (if there be any) shall be to hold in trust for the Lodge all stocks, securities, investments, properties, and funds, and keep an inventory of the same; and to transfer, exchange or deposit the same, or any part thereof, in such manner as they may be directed by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, and no amount shall be drawn or securities changed without the consent of the Lodge by a two-thirds vote at a regular session; and in all cases where moneys are ordered to be drawn, the checks or instruments upon which the same are drawn shall be signed by all the Trustees, and countersigned by the Noble Grand and Secretary, with the seal of the Lodge affixed; they shall make a full written report of the funds of the Lodge at the first session in July and January. If required by a majority of the members present, previous to entering upon the duties of their office, the said Trustees shall give a joint and several bond to the Noble Grand and Vice Grand, with surety or sureties to be approved by the Lodge, for the faithful performance of their duties.

Sec. 7. Either of the said Trustees (if there be such), for non-performance of his duties, or for misconduct, may be removed from his office, in the manner prescribed by this Constitution, and at the expiration of the term for which they have been elected, or on their removal, as aforesaid, they shall execute an assignment in writing to their successors of all funds and effects of the Lodge in their possession.

Sec. 8. In case there should be a child or children of a member of this Lodge left in poverty, without a guardian, it shall be the duty of the officers to endeavor to place them in situations where they may be employed in getting a livelihood, and at the same time be preserved from vice and infamy; and from time to time make inquiries into their situation, and report to the Lodge. And in case a widow of a member of this Lodge should be left in indigent circumstances, it shall be the duty of the officers to make inquiries into her condition, and report to the Lodge what assistance, if any, she may need.

Sec. 9. All bonds held by the Noble Grand and Vice Grand, as hereinbefore described, shall be the exclusive property of the Lodge, and of no avail to any individual in his private capacity, or in his sole right by virtue of his membership, other than for the benefit of the Lodge.

Sec. 10. The Warden shall have charge of the regalia and Lodge-room properties; shall place the regalia for the use of the members at the opening of the Lodge, and at its close collect and preserve it in a careful way, and report any damage done to it to the Noble Grand; he shall canvass all votes on motions and resolutions when required to do so; attend at the ballot box at elections or ballotings for candidates; act as messenger, and perform such other duties as his charges and office may require.

Sec. 11. The Junior Past Grand present, shall act in the capacity of Past Grand, and deliver the charge of the office to new members, and perform all the duties appertaining to the office.

Sec. 12. The Chaplain shall conduct the funeral services at the burial of a Brother, and such devotional exercises as the Lodge shall deem expedient.

Sec. 13. All other officers shall perform such duties as are prescribed for them by the regulations of the Order.

Sec. 14. When a financial officer of this Lodge refuses to settle his accounts and deliver all moneys, books and papers belonging to the same over to the Lodge, he cannot of right demand a withdrawal card, and the Lodge may refuse to grant such card until the Brother's accounts are adjusted, and the Lodge is satisfied that he is clear of the books and free from all charges of whatsoever kind.

ARTICLE IX.—*Traveling Brothers.*

Section 1. No member belonging to another jurisdiction can be permitted to visit a Lodge in this jurisdiction unless he presents a regular card, and proves himself in the A. T. P. W., and the degree in which the Lodge is open. On the presentation of the card, the Noble Grand shall appoint a committee of three to examine the visitor; one member of the committee must be either the Noble Grand, the Vice Grand, or some other member known to be in possession of the A. T. P. W.; and the members of the committee must be of the Third Degree. The committee shall first examine the visitor privately in the A. T. P. W., and the visitor must commence; he is then examined in the degree in which the Lodge is opened, and, in case of doubt, they may extend their examination to the other degrees. If the committee is satisfied with the examination, they shall introduce the visitor into the Lodge without further ceremony; but no Brother holding an expired withdrawal card or dismissal certificate shall be permitted to visit.

Sec. 2. Every Lodge shall keep a register in its ante-room, in which members and visitors shall register their names, the name and number of their Lodge and its location, before examination by the committee and being introduced into the Lodge.

Sec. 3. No visiting Brother can be examined and admitted before the Lodge is open. Nor can a visitor be refused admission if his card be regular and he passes the examination. Vouching for a visitor is not legal. A D. D. Grand Sire cannot introduce a visiting Brother who is without a card and the A. T. P. W. The committee cannot introduce a visiting Brother unless he is in possession of both a regular card and the A. T. P. W. of the year in which the card is dated.

Sec 4. After a Brother has once visited the Lodge, he may, on the presentation of the same card, and while it remains in date, be admitted without examination on his being identified.

Sec. 5. This Lodge has no right to inform a visiting Brother of any defect or informality in a card, where such exists.

Sec. 6. When a Brother in possession of a card applies for and obtains relief from this Lodge, the amount of such relief granted must be indorsed upon his card, and notice thereof must be forwarded to the Lodge granting the card by the Secretary.

ARTICLE X.—*Of Degrees.*

Section 1. Any Brother may apply for the degrees, and before a ballot is taken upon the application, the Lodge shall be closed in the Initiatory Degree, and opened in the Third Degree, and then in the degree or degrees applied for, when a ballot shall be had, and if two-thirds of all the votes cast be white balls, then the applicant shall be entitled to receive such degree or degrees; when the applicant has been rejected, he cannot apply for said degrees within four weeks thereafter; and when the degrees shall have been voted to a member, upon payment of the sums required by the By-Laws of the Lodge, they shall be conferred, or he shall be furnished with a certificate that he is entitled to receive them, signed by the Noble Grand, attested by the Secretary, with the seal of the Lodge affixed, which certificate shall authorize any Subordinate or Degree Lodge to confer the degrees, provided the same is done without charge. No Lodge shall again be opened the same evening in the Initiatory Degree.

Sec. 2. Not more than two degrees shall be conferred on a Brother at the same evening, unless urgent necessity be shown; and no degree shall be conferred until the candidate has paid the amount therefor. The fee for degrees shall not be less than three dollars for the First, two dollars for the Second, and one dollar for the Third.

ARTICLE XI.—*Of Terms, Returns, Regalia and Jewels.*

Section 1. The terms of this Lodge shall be six months each, beginning with the first meeting in January and July, and ending with the last meeting in June and December.

Sec. 2. The regular sessions of this Lodge shall be held at such time and place as may be fixed by the By-Laws; but at least one regular session shall be held in each week. The Noble Grand may call special sessions, at the written request of five members, at which no business except that for which the sessions were called shall be transacted.

Sec. 3. Not less than five members, including one qualified to preside, shall constitute a quorum at sessions of this Lodge.

Sec. 4. At the end of each year this Lodge shall transmit to the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, a full report of names of those initiated, reinstated, admitted by card, rejected, withdrawn, suspended or expelled, and the cause thereof, and deceased; the names of the Past Grands, and the whole number in membership; and an alphabetical list of the members; the number of Brothers and widowed families relieved; and Brothers buried; the amount of money applied to each of these purposes, and the amount paid for the relief of orphans, together with the amount and resources of the Lodge, and the result of the election of officers, in accordance with the forms provided by the Sovereign Grand Lodge for that purpose; accompanied by whatever amount may be due to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Sec. 5. The Lodge regalia and jewels for officers and members shall be in accordance with the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

ARTICLE XII.—*Business and Fraternal Courtesy.*

Section 1. No business shall be transacted in this Lodge during its sessions of any nature not immediately connected with Odd-Fellowship. All questions that agitate the community at large, and on which men may honestly differ, but which are entirely distinct from Odd Fellowship, are strictly forbidden; and all questions that have a tendency to lead to debate on matters of natonal, local, political or religious subjects, shall be strictly guarded against; and it shall be the imperative duty of the Noble Grand to enforce this regulation in all cases.

Sec. 2. It is particularly enjoined that the members of this Lodge treat each other during its sittings with due respect; that all personal allusions, or sarcastic language, be carefully avoided, by which the feelings of any Brother may be wounded, and that all discussions be conducted in the spirit of candor and moderation, which leads men to the altar of concord and good fellowship; and it shall be the duty of the Noble Grand to repress everything to the contrary.

ARTICLE XIII.

Section 1. These Articles cannot be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, except at a regular session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; provided that all changes which may be required to make such Constitution conform to the laws, rules or regulations of the Sovereign Grand Lodge may be ordered at any session.

Sec. 2. When doubts arise as to the true meaning of any of these Articles, the matter shall be determined by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE XIV.—*General Provisions.*

Section 1. This Lodge cannot change its location, as specified in its Charter, without the consent of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, but may fix its night of meeting, and may change the same at pleasure. When a change is made, it must be reported to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Sec. 2. The first Noble Grand and Vice Grand of a new Lodge are entitled to all the Past Official Degrees, provided the fact of their being such first officers is stated in the certificate to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Sec. 3. Neither this Lodge nor any of the members thereof shall, in the name of the Order, resort to any scheme of raffles, lotteries or gift enterprises, or scheme of hazard, or chance of any kind, as a means to raise funds for any purpose of relief, or asisstance for the Lodge, or for any member thereof.

Sec. 4. The Charter of this Lodge cannot be surrendered so long as there shall be five qualified Brothers, members of the Lodge, who shall desire to work under and continue the said Charter.

Sec. 5. No Lodge shall hold any anniversary or other celebration, where the regalia of the Order may be worn, or the name of the Order assumed, without the consent of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the Grand Sire, or the District Deputy Grand Sire. Such permission to be predicated only on the direct promise of the officers of the Lodge seeking the permission, that no intoxicating beverages of any kind shall be offered by them to members or guests present on the occasion. Nor shall any Lodge have a public procession without the consent of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the Grand Sire, or the District Deputy Grand Sire, unless it be to attend the funeral of a deceased Brother.

Sec. 6. No Lodge shall have an oration, address or lecture, in public, without the consent of the Grand Sire or the District Deputy Grand Sire. Lectures by members of the Order, before the Lodge privately, on general or scientific subjects, are admissible; but no lectures on Odd Fellowship, or the work of the Order, whether past or present, can be delivered by any one except by permission of the Grand Sire, or the District Deputy Grand Sire.

Sec. 7. A Lodge may visit another Lodge in a body when accompanied by its Noble Grand or Vice Grand, who may introduce the members in the manner provided for the introduction of visitors by the elective Grand Officers.

Sec. 8. The funds, properties, etc , of the Subordinate Lodges having been raised for the purpose of relieving sick and distressed Brethren, and other charitable uses in the Order, are not to be divided in any manner among the members, but shall remain for their legitimate purpose, the property of the Lodge, so long as its Charter is unreclaimed, and five Brothers remain in good standing in the Lodge. Donations made to assist petitioning Brothers by the parent or other Lodges, for the purpose of instituting new Lodges, is allowable, and is in no sense to be regarded as a division of the funds of the Lodge, but it is recommended that the Sovereign Grand Lodge or Grand Officers of the jurisdiction be consulted as to its propriety.—(Proceedings Grand Lodge of the United States, page 4423.)

Sec. 9.—This Constitution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage; and all Constitutions of Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and parts of the same, not herein incorporated, are hereby repealed.

CONSTITUTION FOR SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

Article I.—*Name, Style and Title.*

This Encampment shall be known by the name, style and title of .....ENCAMPMENT, No. .., I. O. O. F., of ..... It shall possess the full powers and privileges of a Subordinate Encampment, so long as it shall act in conformity with the warrant granted to it by the Sovereign Grand Lodge

I. O. O. F. It shall be composed of Brothers who have been regularly initiated into the mysteries of the Encampment branch of the Order. And among its objects shall be the formation of a fund for the benefit of members, their widows and orphans, in times of sickness and distress.

ARTICLE II.—*Membership, Admission, &c.*

Section 1. No member shall be initiated into this Encampment for a less sum than twelve dollars to entitle him to all the degrees.

Sec. 2. A candidate for membership must be a regular contributing member of a Subordinate Lodge. He must be proposed by two Patriarchs of this Encampment, who must certify to his age, residence, occupation and state of health. The proposition shall be referred to a committee of three Patriarchs, which committee shall investigate the health and character of the candidate, and report thereon as soon as practicable, when a ballot shall be taken with ball ballots, and if not more than two black balls appear against him, he shall be elected. But at least five ball ballots shall appear in the ballot box. But should more than two black balls appear, he shall be rejected and so declared. Should objections be made to any person after his election, and previous to initiation, the Encampment may, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, rescind the vote by which said candidate was elected.

Sec. 3. Petitions for membership shall, in all cases, be accompanied by the sum of one dollar, and by a certificate from the Secretary of the Lodge of which the applicant is a member, which certificate and application, with the appended proposition, signed by two Patriarchs of this Encampment, shall be in the following form:

CERTIFICATE.

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To the Officers and Members of ..... Encampment, No. .., I. O. O. F.

I certify that Bro. ..... is a member of the Third Degree, in good standing, in ..... Lodge, No. .., I. O. O. F.

[SEAL.] .....*Secretary.*

APPLICATION.

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To the Officers and Members of ..... Encampment, No. .., I. O. O. F.

The petition of the subscriber respectfully showeth that he is desirous of becoming a member of your Encampment, if found worthy; and, if admitted, will cheerfully conform to your Constitution, By-Laws and regulations.

I have requested Patriarchs ..... and ..... to present this petition. My age is .... years. Occupation, ... My health is good. Residence, No. .... street, ... I have .... before applied for membership in an Encampment of this Order. Refers to ....

.....*Candidate.*

PROPOSITION.

Being personally acquainted with the above applicant, we hereby propose him for admission to ..... Encampment. .....

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Sec. 4. A petition for membership cannot be withdrawn after the report of the Investigating Committee.

Sec. 5. A Patriarch of the Order wishing to become a member of this Encampment, shall present a withdrawal card or dismissal certificate from the Encampment of which he was formerly a member, and also a certificate of good standing from the Lodge of which he is a member, which shall be dis-

posed of as provided by Section 2 for other applicants; and, on being admitted, he shall pay a sum of one dollar for each degree attained.

Sec. 6. When a candidate has been rejected, for reasons duly specified, notice thereof shall be sent, without delay, to all the Encampments in this jurisdiction, and such candidate shall not be again proposed for membership for six months thereafter.

Sec. 7. If a candidate fails to present himself for initiation for three months after being notified of his election, the election shall be null and void, and the fee of one dollar accompanying his proposition shall be forfeited to the Encampment, unless, by unanimous vote, the Encampment shall determine otherwise.

Sec. 8. Membership in this Encampment shall commence when the applicant signs the Constitution; and it is hereby made the duty of the Scribe to notify the Lodge of which a Patriarch is a member, accordingly, and also to notify the Lodge to which he belongs whenever the membership of a Patriarch terminates.

Sec. 9. The membership of a Patriarch in this Encampment shall cease at the expiration of one year from the date of his withdrawal card from the Lodge of which he was a member, unless within that time he shall have again united with some Lodge, and have presented a certificate from the Secretary thereof to that effect; *provided*, that if the Patriarch's Subordinate Lodge is extinct, and by reason of age or infirmity he cannot successfully apply for membership in another Subordinate Lodge, upon his obtaining a Grand Lodge card from the Grand Secretary of the jurisdiction in which such Lodge existed, he may retain his membership in this Encampment upon such card.

ARTICLE III.—*Dues and Benefits.*

Section 1. The regular contributions to the Encampment fund shall be not less than one dollar per term, to be determined by the By-Laws; and the Encampment may suspend all members who neglect or refuse payment of dues for twelve months.

Sec. 2. A Patriarch of this Encampment in good standing, as provided by its By-Laws, shall, if sick or disabled by accident from following some occupation whereby he shall be able to obtain a livelihood, be paid a weekly benefit, to be fixed by the By-Laws, during the continuance of said sickness or disability, commencing not more than one week prior to his having been reported to the Encampment or a member of the Visiting Committee. *Provided, however*, that this Encampment will not, in any event, pay a benefit for the first week's sickness of any member belonging to the same. This Encampment may also provide for refusing benefits to a Patriarch who is more than thirteen weeks in arrears for dues, and also fix the amount to be paid as a funeral benefit on the death of a Patriarch.

ARTICLE IV.—*Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues and Reinstatement.*

Section 1. A member of this Encampment, in arrears for dues for the period of one year, may be suspended or dropped from membership, but he cannot be expelled from the Order on account of being in arrears for dues.

Sec. 2. A Patriarch suspended or dropped from membership for non-payment of dues may be reinstated in this Encampment within one year after suspension, by paying the amount of one year's dues, and being reinstated in the manner prescribed by the By-Laws.

Sec. 3. After one year from the date of suspension, a Patriarch dropped or suspended for non-payment of dues, may be reinstated upon the payment of the fee charged for an initiate of the same age, or such less sum as the By-Laws may prescribe.

Sec. 4. A Patriarch suspended or dropped from membership for non-payment of dues, who makes application for reinstatement and a withdrawal

card, for the purpose of uniting with another Encampment in this jurisdiction, may be reinstated and granted a withdrawal card at any time within five years from the date of suspension, upon the payment of one year's dues, and the usual price of a card.

Sec. 5. A Patriarch suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, after five years' suspension, wishing to join an Encampment in this jurisdiction, shall be entitled to receive, and the Encampment shall grant, upon proper application, a dismissal certificate upon the receipt of one dollar.

Sec. 6. This Encampment, upon proper application and the receipt of one dollar, may, at its discretion, by a majority vote of the members present, grant a dismissal certificate to a Patriarch suspended for non-payment of dues, to enable such suspended member to join an Encampment in this jurisdiction before the five years have expired.

Sec. 7. A Patriarch suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, wishing to regain membership in another jurisdiction, shall be entitled to receive, and the Encampment shall, upon proper application, grant a dismissal certificate, upon the receipt of one dollar.

Sec. 8. In all cases where this Encampment shall refuse to reinstate a member suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, he shall be entitled to receive, and the Encampment shall, upon proper application, grant a dismissal certificate, upon the receipt of one dollar.

Sec. 9. Dismissal certificates may be received upon deposit (as Ancient Fellows) in this Encampment, but the privilege of visiting the Encampment shall not be awarded to the holder of a dismissal certificate.

ARTICLE V.—*Penalties and Trials.*

Section 1. Any Patriarch who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or offend against these Articles or By-Laws, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the By-Laws may direct.

Sec. 2. Every member shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offense involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion (except when made liable by non-payment to the Encampment, or when suspended or expelled by the Lodge of which he is a member, in either of which cases a formal trial is not necessary); but no member of this Encampment shall be put on trial, unless charges duly specifying his offense be submitted in writing by one or more Patriarchs of the Order, within three years after the offense was committed.

Sec. 3. Charges shall be made with specifications in the Encampment in the manner and form set out in the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in Article V, caption "Trials and Penalties," and the Code of Procedure therein set forth, shall in all cases, be substantially followed by this Encampment.

Sec. 4. When the report and resolution of the committee shall have been submitted in due form at a regular session, the consideration of the same shall be made the special order of business for the next regular session, and the accused shall be summoned to attend at such last named session, and be furnished with the report of the committee, and the resolution appended thereto, at which time, whether the accused be present or not (unless he furnishes a good excuse for his absence), the Encampment may proceed to consider and determine the case. Two-thirds of the members present, voting by ballot in favor of expulsion, it shall be carried; but a majority of the members present shall only be necessary to adopt any other penalty, and the Encampment shall be fully competent, while the subject is under consideration, to vary the penalty from the original resolution.

Sec. 5. A Patriarch shall have the right of appeal from the action of this Encampment upon any question involving his right to benefits, or his right to membership when convicted of an offense. Said appeal shall be taken within three months from the time that the decision is made by the Encampment, and the party appealing shall give the Encampment at least four weeks'

notice of his appeal, prior to the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. An appeal shall cause a stay of proceedings in the matter until disposed of by the tribunal to which the same shall be taken. The forms prescribed in the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall be followed in all matters relating to trials and appeals.

Sec. 6. A Patriarch having been suspended from this Encampment for an offense, after due trial by the same, the Recording Scribe shall immediately notify the Encampments in this jurisdiction, and the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, of said action. A Patriarch having been expelled from this Encampment for an offense, after due trial, the Recording Scribe shall immediately notify the Encampments in the jurisdiction, and the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, of the action. A Patriarch thus expelled shall not be readmitted to membership without the consent of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; *provided, however*, that a Patriarch expelled by his Lodge, may be readmitted to membership by a vote of the Encampment, as provided by its By-Laws, upon proof of his being a member in good standing in his Lodge, without any action by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Article VI.—*Sessions, Terms and Returns.*

Section 1. This Encampment may hold two regular sessions in each month, which shall be styled the regular semi-monthly sessions. If but one session is held in each month, the officers of the Encampment shall serve one year to complete the term. Special sessions may be called as the By-Laws may direct. The hours of meeting shall be fixed by the By-Laws.

Sec. 2. The terms of this Encampment shall commence on the first meeting in January and July, and end on the day the succeeding term commences.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the last past officers to prepare and forward to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, immediately on the installation of the officers in January, the result of the election, and the regular report of the work of the year, including the names of those admitted, advanced and exalted, admitted by card, rejected, withdrawn by card, suspended or expelled, and the cause thereof; reinstated and deceased; the whole number in membership, the amount of receipts, accompanied by whatever amount may be due the Sovereign Grand Lodge; and a full return of the members of the Encampment, ranked according to degrees attained, and a statement of the number of Patriarchs relieved by the Encampment in the past year, the number of widowed families relieved, with the amount of monies applied to each of these purposes, designating the amount paid for the education of orphans, and also stating the amount of funds and other property belonging to the Encampment.

Sec. 4. This Encampment shall have a seal, a proof copy of which shall be deposited with the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Article VII—*Elective and Appointed Officers.*

Section 1. The elective officers of this Encampment shall consist of a Chief Patriarch, High Priest, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Scribe and Treasurer, who shall serve a regular term each, and until their successors are duly installed. When deemed necessary, however, the Encampment may elect a Financial Scribe in addition, to serve twelve months.

Sec. 2. The appointed officers shall be an I. S., O. S., four S. of W., G., First W., Second W., Third W., Fourth W., First G. of T. and Second G. of T., who shall serve a regular term each, and until others are appointed in their stead.

Article VIII.—*Elections.*

Section 1. No Patriarch shall be eligible for Chief Patriarch or High Priest unless he has discharged the duties of some other elective office for at least

one term (unless elected to fill a vacancy); and all officers shall be eligible for re-election, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to an election.

Sec. 2. The election of officers shall take place at the last regular session in each term, or at the first meeting in June and December; and the installation of officers shall take place at the first regular session in the succeeding term.

Sec. 3. If an officer shall absent himself for more than three successive sessions, his seat may be declared vacant by a vote of the Encampment, and the vacancy shall be filled in the manner of the former selection, for the residue of the term; and officers so serving shall be entitled to the full honors of the term.

ARTICLE IX.—*Duties of Officers.*

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Chief Patriarch to preside at all sessions of the Encampment; and, in addition to the powers conferred and duties enjoined by these charges, he may summon extra sessions, when requested in writing by five members of the Encampment. He shall appoint the subordinate officers excepting the Guards of the Tent, and all committees not otherwise provided for by law or resolution; shall sign all orders on the Treasurer which have been passed by the Encampment, and such other documents as require his signature to authenticate them; shall enforce the charges, By-Laws and Rules of Order, prevent innovations and preserve strict decorum in the Encampment. He shall fill the chair of any officer who may be absent, or who vacates his position during a session, by appointing some qualified Patriarch to the office *pro tem.* He shall decide all questions of order, subject to the appeal of any member, and give the casting vote in case of a tie; shall superintend all elections and other transactions of the Encampment, and never suffer the Encampment to be opened unless he is satisfied that none are present but qualified Patriarchs of the Order.

Sec. 2. The High Priest shall appoint the Guards of the Tent, and perform such duties as are required of him by the charge of his office and the regulations of the Order.

Sec. 3. The Senior Warden shall assist the Chief Patriarch in preserving order, and, in the absence of that officer shall preside, and in other respects perform his official duties. He shall have charge of the door when assigned to that duty by the Chief Patriarch, with authority to admit Patriarchs duly qualified to enter, under the direction of the Chief Patriarch.

Sec. 4. The Scribe shall accurately record the proceedings of the Encampment. He shall make out the returns in accordance with the blanks furnished by the Sovereign Grand Lodge; prepare all documents, and notify the members, by written or printed notices, of all special meetings, and perform such other duties as may properly be required of him.

Sec. 5. The Financial Scribe shall keep a correct account between the Encampment and its members; receive all moneys, and pay the same immediately to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor, and attend to such other duties as pertain to his office. In case no Financial Scribe is elected, the Scribe shall perform the duties specified in this section.

Sec. 6. The Treasurer shall receipt for all moneys received by him as Encampment funds; he shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Chief Patriarch, attested by the Scribe, and none others; and shall limit his surplus funds to such amount as the By-Laws may specify, by paying the excess to such Trustees as the Encampment may elect, or investing it as the Encampment may determine.

Sec. 7. The Junior Warden shall perform such duties as his charge of office requires; he shall have charge of the regalia and paraphernalia of the Encampment, unless some Patriarch is appointed for that special purpose; he shall act as the messenger of the Encampment, and, in the absence of the Chief Patriarch and Senior Warden, he shall preside.

Sec. 8. The appointed officers shall perform such duties as are prescribed by their charge of office and the regulations and requirements of the Order; and it is hereby expressly provided that no appointed officer shall officiate for any elective officer.

ARTICLE X.—*Forfeiture of Charter.*

Should this Encampment fail to make its returns, as required by Article VI, for twelve months, its charter may be declared forfeited, and the Encampment shall thereby become extinct. And in case of the forfeiture of charter, it shall be the duty of the last installed officers to transmit, or surrender to the Grand Sire, D. D. Grand Sire, (or such other person as the Grand Sire may appoint to receive them,) the charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the Encampment.

ARTICLE XI.—*Eligibility for Degrees.*

Every Patriarch shall be eligible for degrees immediately on being initiated; but not more than two degrees shall be conferred on a Patriarch at the same session, unless the most urgent necessity be shown.

ARTICLE XII—*General Provisions.*

Section 1. Not less than five Patriarchs of the Royal Purple Degree, including a Patriarch qualified to preside, shall constitute a quorum of this Encampment.

Sec. 2. The charter of this Encampment cannot be surrendered so long as there shall be five qualified Patriarchs, members of the Encampment, who shall desire to work under and continue said charter.

ARTICLE XIII.—*Amendments, &c.*

Section 1. When any doubts arise of the true meaning of any part of these Articles, the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall determine what is the true meaning.

Sec 2. These Articles, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended or annulled, except by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE XIV.—*By-Laws.*

This Encampment shall be fully invested with power to adopt such By-Laws, from time to time, as may be deemed expedient, provided they do not, in any wise, contravene any part of this Constitution, the Laws and Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge or the principles of the Order, subject to the approval of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or, during recess, the Grand Sire.

Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, from the Special Committee on Rules, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Special Committee on Rules, appointed at the session of 1879, with instruction to present at this session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge a system of Rules for the government of this R. W. Grand Body, has performed the duty assigned, and have the honor to report the following *Rules of Order and Order of Business:*

RULES OF ORDER.

Grand Sire.

1. The Grand Sire shall take the chair at the hour of meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, immediately call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, cause the Journal of the proceedings of the last day's sitting to be read.

2. He shall organize the Sovereign Grand Lodge on the first day of its Communication, by directing the Grand Secretary to call the names of the Officers and Representatives. He shall then direct the Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal to examine the Representatives present and report to him the result; and, if all are correct and a quorum be present, he shall call on the Grand Chaplain to offer a prayer. He shall then direct the Deputy Grand Sire to proclaim the Sovereign Grand Lodge duly opened.

3. He shall, after the organization of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, present a report of his acts and doings during the recess.

4. He shall, at the commencement of each communication, appoint the following Standing Committees, viz.:

On the State of the Order, to consist of nine members.
On the Judiciary, to consist of nine members.
On Legislation, to consist of nine mimbers.
On Finance, to consist of nine members.
On Constitutions, to consist of seven members.
On Foreign Relations, to consist of seven members.
On the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, to consist of seven members.
On the Degree of Rebekah, to consist of seven members.
On Correspondence, to consist of seven members.
On Petitions, to consist of seven members.
On Returns, to consist of seven members.
On Unfinished Business, to consist of seven members.
On Miscellaneous Business, to consist of seven members.
On Grand Bodies not Represented, to consist of seven members.
On Credentials, to consist of five members.
On Printing Supplies, to consist of five members.
On Mileage and Per Diem, to consist of seven members.
On Drawing for Seats, to consist of three members.

5. He shall appoint a Committee on Appeals, two months prior to each communication, to consist of nine members, which committee shall meet on the Wednesday preceding the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and consider such appeals as may be presented to them; and no appeal shall be considered by the committee except by direction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, unless filed with the Grand Secretary by the first day of the meeting of the committee; and the Grand Secretary shall, upon receipt thereof, forward the same to the chairman of the committee.

6. He shall, unless otherwise ordered, appoint all special committees ordered by the Sovereign Grand Lodge from time to time.

Duties of the Chair.

7. The Grand Sire shall preserve order and decorum during the sessions, and shall have general control of the hall in which the Sovereign Grand Lodge holds its sessions.

8. He shall sign all papers and documents requiring his signature, and decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, by any member; on which appeal no member shall speak more than once, unless by permission of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

9. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting, and shall put the question in this form, to wit: "As many as are in favor, (as the question may be,) say Aye;" and after the affirmative voice is expressed, "As many as

are opposed, say No;" if he doubts, or a division is called for, the Lodge shall divide; those in the affirmative of the question shall first rise from their seats, and then those in the negative, and shall remain standing until counted by the Grand Officers, which being reported, he shall rise and state the decision.

10. He shall not be permitted to vote unless the Sovereign Grand Lodge be equally divided, when he may give the casting vote, except on roll-call.

11. When two or more members rise to speak, the Grand Sire shall name the member who is entitled to the floor.

Decorum and Debate.

12. When any member desires to speak or deliver any matter to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, he shall rise and respectfully address himself to the Grand Sire, and, on being recognized, may address the Sovereign Grand Lodge from his seat, or from the Grand Secretary's desk, and shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoiding personality.

13. A member shall not speak more than once to the same question without leave, until every member who chooses to speak shall have spoken.

14. While the Grand Sire is putting a question or addressing the Sovereign Grand Lodge, a member shall not walk out of, or across the room, nor, when a member is speaking, pass between him and the Chair; and during the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge no member shall wear his hat, or remain by the Grand Secretary's desk during the call of the roll or the counting of ballots, or smoke upon the floor of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; and the Grand Marshal is charged with the strict enforcement of this rule.

15. Upon every roll-call the names of the members shall be called alphabetically by surname; when two or more members have the same surname, the name shall be followed by the jurisdiction represented; and after the roll has been once called the Grand Secretary shall call, in alphabetical order, the names of those not voting; and thereafter the Grand Sire shall not entertain a request to record a vote.

16. Every motion made to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and entertained by the Grand Sire, shall be reduced to writing on the demand of any member, and shall be entered on the Journal with the name of the member making it, unless it is withdrawn the same day.

17. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to take a recess, to lay on the table, for the previous question, (which motions shall be decided without debate,) to postpone to a time certain, to refer, to amend, to commit, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the foregoing order; and no motion to postpone to a time certain, to refer, or to postpone indefinitely, being decided, shall be again allowed on the same day at the same stage of the question. A motion to adjourn and to take a recess shall always be in order.

18. On the demand of any member, before the question is put, a question shall be divided, if it includes propositons so distinct in substance that one being taken away a substantive proposition shall remain.

19. A motion to strike out and insert is indivisible, but a motion to strike out being lost shall neither preclude amendment nor motion to strike out and insert; and a motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall not be admitted under color of amendment.

20. The previous question, being ordered by a majority vote, shall have the effect to cut off all debate, and bring the Sovereign Grand Lodge to a direct vote upon the immediate question or questions upon which it has been asked and ordered. The previous question may be asked and ordered upon a single motion, a series of motions allowable under the rules, or an amendment or amendments, or may be made to embrace all motions and amendments. It shall be in order, pending the motion for the previous question, and before it has been ordered, for the Grand Sire to entertain and submit a

motion to commit, with or without instructions, to a standing or select committee, which motion to commit shall be decided without debate.

21. All incidental questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise, without debate.

22. Any member, who has voted in favor of the decision, may move for the reconsideration thereof, and such motion shall take precedence of all other questions, except a motion to adjourn, or to take a recess, or orders of the day.

23. When a motion or proposition is under consideration, a motion to amend and a motion to amend the amendment shall be in order, and it shall also be in order to offer a further amendment by way of substitute, to which one amendment may be offered, but which shall not be voted on until the original matter is perfected.

24. All questions relating to priority of business shall be decided without debate.

25. A rule shall not be suspended except by a two-thirds vote. When a motion to suspend the rules has been seconded, it shall be in order, before the final vote is taken thereon, to debate the proposition to be voted upon, and the same right of debate shall be allowed whenever the previous question has been ordered on any proposition on which there has been no debate.

26. When the reading of a paper, other than the one upon which the Grand Lodge is called to give a final vote, is demanded, and the same is objected to by any member, it shall be determined without debate by vote of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

27. A member shall not be permitted to speak or vote unless clothed in proper regalia.

28. During the progress of a ballot for an officer, a motion can not be entertained, or debate or explanation permitted.

29. Every officer and member shall be designated by his proper title or office, according to his standing in the Order.

30. A member shall not interrupt another while speaking, unless to explain, or to call him to order for words spoken.

31. If a member while speaking shall be called to order, he shall, at the request of the Chair, take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may proceed again.

32. When a blank is to be filled the question shall be taken first upon the highest sum or number, and the longest or latest time proposed.

33. No matter shall be considered at any morning session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge until all the committees shall have had an opportunity of presenting reports; and the Grand Sire shall call for reports of committees in the order of their appointment.

34. It is the duty of a committee appointed at one communication to perform a duty, to report at the next, although some of the members of the committee have ceased to be members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

35. Any member has the right to protest, and to have his protest spread upon the Journal.

36. Every member must, unless excused by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, serve on committees and accept nominations.

Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws.

37. Propositions for the amendment of the Constitution, made in conformity with Article XXI of the Constitution, may be made and entered on the Journal as a matter of course, without any action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. This rule shall also apply to all such reports of standing committees as are required to lie on the table one day under Rule 42.

Committees.

38. The first named member of each committee shall be the chairman, and in his absence, or being excused by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the next

named member, and so on, as often as the case shall happen, unless the committee, by a majority of its members, elect a chairman.

39. Business presented to the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be referred as follows:

To the Committee on the State of the Order all questions in relation to the work of the Order.

To the Committee on the Judiciary all questions in relation to the construction of the laws of the Order, and the decisions of the Grand Sire upon questions of law.

To the Committee on Legislation all proposed new legislation, and repeal of existing laws.

To the Committee on Finance all matters in relation to the finances of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and all propositions involving an appropriation of money or supplies.

To the Committee on Appeals all appeals from the action of Grand Jurisdictions, and from Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the exclusive jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on Constitutions all amendments to the Constitutions of Subordinate Grand Bodies, or of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the exclusive jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on Foreign Relations all matters in relation to the Order in foreign countries as shall be referred to it.

To the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order such matters relating to Patriarchal affairs as shall be referred to it.

To the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah all matters relating to that Degree and to such Degree Lodges as shall be referred to it.

To the Committee on Correspondence all correspondence in relation to the business of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or the Order, requiring action by this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on Petitions all petitions and memorials requiring action by this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on Returns all returns from Grand Jurisdictions, and from Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the exclusive jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on Unfinished Business the duty of examining the Journal of prior sessions, and to report such matters as remain undetermined.

To the Committee on Miscellaneous Business all matters not herein specified for reference to any other committee.

To the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented all matters relating to such Grand Bodies requiring action by this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on Credentials the credentials of the Representatives.

To the Committee on Printing Supplies such matters as are prescribed in the XXVIIIth By-Law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem all matters in relation to the mileage and per diem of the Officers and Representatives.

To the Committe on Drawing for Seats the duty of drawing the seats to be occupied by the Representatives during the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge

40. The Committee on Credentials shall have leave to report at any time.

41. The question of reference of any proposition shall be decided without debate, in the following order, viz.: a standing committee, a select committee.

42. The report of a committee shall not be acted upon on the day of its presentation, except reports from the Committee on Credentials and the Committee on Drawing for Seats; provided, that subjects reported back as being improperly referred may, without a suspension of this rule, be referred to the proper committee.

43. When a report of the Committee on Appeals, or a resolution accompanying the same, is regularly before the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and action

is being had thereon, the statement of facts contained in the report of the committee and in the record of appeal, shall be deemed conclusive; provided both parties to the appeal have been heard or have had an opportunity to be heard, and the report shall so state, and it shall not be in order to make any statement in debate thereon, inconsistent with the facts so stated in such report or record. This rule shall not apply when action is had upon a motion to recommit such report with instructions.

44. Any proposition offered for reference to any standing committee, which shall require an entry in full upon the Journal, shall be submitted in duplicate, either in print or in manuscript; and, if in writing, it shall be on paper not less in size than half a page of foolscap.

45 When the Sovereign Grand Lodge has, by vote, determined to adjourn for the day, or the hour of adjournment has arrived, before declaring the Body adjourned, the Grand Sire shall call upon the chairmen of the several standing committees to give any notice they may desire with regard to the time and place of meeting of the several committees.

Order of Business.

46. The business of the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be transacted in the following order:

I. The Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be opened in due form.
II. The roll of Officers and Representatives shall be called.
III. Appointment and Report of Committee on Credentials.
IV. Appointment and Report of Committee on Drawing for Seats.
V. Appointment of other Standing Committees.
VI. The Journal of the previous day's session shall be read and passed upon.
VII. Reports of the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer shall be presented.
VIII. Petitions and Memorials may be received.
IX. Communications presented and read.
X. Reports of Standing and Select Committees received.
XI. Calling the jurisdictions for the presentation of resolutions, etc.
XII. Consideration of reports of committees.
XIII. Deferred and new business may be considered.
XIV. This order of business may be transposed, or dispensed with, by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.
XV. When the business is concluded the Grand Chaplain shall offer a prayer, and the Deputy Grand Sire shall proclaim the Sovereign Grand Lodge duly closed.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. Underwood, C. M. Busbee, J. W. Stebbins,
Henry F. Garey, Sam'l F. Gwinner.

Rep. Jones, of Maryland, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, made the following report, which was read and laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Printing Supplies respectfully report that they organized November 10, 1880, electing Bro. John M. Jones, Chairman, and Bro. Theo. A. Ross, Secretary.

Five meetings have been held, an extra meeting being necessary on June 23d, to award the contract for printing the Daily Journal, as no proposals were received at the meeting held on June 16th.

The matter of printing the Odes with music on cards, referred to this committee, was duly considered, and it was deemed inexpedient to issue the Odes

in any other than the present form. The printing and binding of 250 copies each of Volumes 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Journal were ordered from Messrs. BURK & MCFETRIDGE, of Philadelphia.

The Charts for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments were ordered from A. HOEN & Co., of Baltimore; and the same were furnished to Grand Bodies at $2 each.

The Revised Journal of last session was completed early in December, in accordance with the contract, and distributed as required by law. An edition of 15,500 copies was printed, the total expense for the same being $3,593.07, about 23 cents per copy. The book contains 26 pages more than the Journal of 1879.

Ten thousand pamphlet copies of the Report of the Committee on Dues and Benefits were printed at a cost of $39.77, and distributed as required by law.

The following supplies have been furnished by this committee: Encampment Charge Books, English, 10,052, German, 520; Encampment Charts, 1,414; Lodge Institution Books, 526; Lodge Charge Books, English, 16,008, German, 1,778, French, 260; Degree Books, English, 15,997, German, 1,271, French, 258; Degree Charts, 5,044; Rebekah Degree Books, English, 522; Odes, 15,213; Encampment Ode Books, 3,576; Books of Odes, with music, 523; Cards, 59,000; Rebekah Cards, 1,943; Dismissal Certificates, 3,000; Diplomas, 2,234; Funeral Service, 2,512; Bound Journals, 1,000; Digests, 514.

EXPENDITURES: Daily Journal of 1880, $489.96; Officers' Reports of 1880, $247.38; Revised Journal of 1880, $3,593.07; Report of Committee on Dues and Benefits, $39.77; Revision of Degree of Rebekah Charge Book, $40; Odes, Cards, and Diplomas, $1,302.18; Books, $14,646.53; Charts, $3,405.23. Total, $23,764.12.

By request of Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, the Committee on Printing Supplies considered the propriety of having the Encampment Odes printed with music, and ordered the same to be furnished. The work has not yet been completed, but it is probable copies will be ready by October 1st.

Upon examination of the bound Journals of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, it was found that seven hundred and sixty-eight volumes had been damaged by moths. Your committee, therefore, ordered the same to be rebound, in order to make them saleable, and awarded the contract to JOHN L. MURPHY, of Trenton, New Jersey.

The contract for printing the Officers' Reports and Revised Journal of the present session was awarded to JOHN COX, of Baltimore, Md. The Daily Journal and paper for the same to WALDEN & STOWE, Cincinnati, Ohio. The paper for Officers' Reports and Revised Journal to DOBLER, MUDGE & CHAPMAN, Baltimore, Md.

The committee respectfully submit for your consideration the following resolutions:

Resolved, That hereafter, until otherwise ordered, the price of Charge, Degree, and Encampment Books shall be $2 each to Grand Bodies, and $2.50 to Subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That, as the Sovereign Grand Lodge ought to be the publishers of all the books issued by its authority, the German edition of the new Digest, if one be ordered, shall be published under the direction of the Committee on Printing Supplies.

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be authorized to have printed the Funeral Ceremony in German, so as to conform to the English.

Resolved, That 500 copies of Volume X, Journal, (proceedings of 1879, 1880, 1881,) be published, and the Committee on Printing Supplies be authorized to contract for the paper, printing, and binding of the same, and also for a complete index to said volume.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. JONES, JOSHUA VANSANT,
EDWARD H. SPENCER, JOHN T. GIVEN.

Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the proposed amendment to the By-Laws, offered by P. G. Sire NICHOLSON, would respectfully report that they have considered the same, and are of the opinion that the By-Laws should be amended, in conformity to the new Ritual, and therefore recommend the adoption of the amendment, as follows:

Amend Article XXII of the By-Laws by striking out the *first* and *third* paragraphs, and inserting the following:

The regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit: Collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematic color of the Degree intended to be represented, namely: *First Degree*, pink; *Second Degree*, blue; *Third Degree*, scarlet. Rosettes of the appropriate color may be worn upon the collar. Plain white apron for the Initiatory Degree.

The Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretary, and Treasurer shall each wear a scarlet collar trimmed with white or silver. Supporters of the Noble Grand and Vice Grand shall wear sashes of scarlet color. Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash; Outside Guardian, red sash; Inside Guardian, red sash.

The position of each Officer shall be indicated by the jewel of the office.

Resolved, That the above shall apply to all Lodges that may be hereafter instituted, and to all Lodges that shall hereafter procure new regalia.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, FRED. CARLETON, GEO. H. BIGELOW,
HENRY F. GAREY, GEO. B. BOYLES, JOHN B. GOODWIN,
J. W. STEBBINS.

Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Legislative Committeee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. GOODWIN, viz.: "That hereafter the possession of the Rebekah Degree shall not be necessary to eligibility to the offices of Vice Grand and Noble Grand of Subordinate Lodges," would respectfully report that they have considered the same, and believe the interest of the Order would not be promoted by the passage of the resolution, and, therefore, offer the following:

Resolved, That your committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC A. SHEPPARD HENRY F. GAREY, J. W. STEBBINS,
FRED. CARLETON, GEO. B. BOYLES.

Rep. GOODWIN, of Georgia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Legislative Committee, to whom were referred the recommendation of the Grand Sire (see report in Journal 1880, page 8212) on the subject of forming new Lodges, and the resolution of Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, at this session, on the same subject, beg leave to report: That by existing law (see

1870 Journal, 4716, 4878, 4897; White's Digest, Section 1401) a Grand Patriarch has the power, in his discretion, to confer the Subordinate Encampment Degrees upon a sufficient number of Scarlet members, for the purpose of qualifying them as petitioners for an Encampment at a place where no Encampment exists. It seems to us that the reason for a similar provision is much greater in the case of new Lodges than in cases of new Encampments. By the present law five Third Degree members are necessary for the constitution of a new Lodge, where no Lodge of the Order has an existence, and they must have obtained their Degrees before filing their petition for the same. It follows, that no matter how many respectable persons may be willing to organize a Lodge in a locality where the Order has no existence, the project must fail unless five Third Degree members are residents of the vicinity. We think it eminently proper that no obstacle should exist to prevent the spread of the Order, and, therefore, submit the following:

Resolved, That Grand Lodges may provide, by law, for conferring the three Degrees of a Subordinate Lodge upon five or more Initiatory Odd Fellows desiring to form a Lodge of Odd Fellows, to enable them, or any five of them, to petition for a Subordinate Lodge in a locality where no Subordinate Lodge is in operation within a distance of ten miles from the location of said proposed new Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. GOODWIN, ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, J. W. STEBBINS,
GEORGE H. BIGELOW, GEORGE B. BOYLES, FRED. CARLETON,
HENRY F. GAREY.

Rep. MORROW, of California, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. W. R. SPOONER, P. C. P., from the action of the Grand Encampment of New York, would respectfully report:

That under the By-Laws of the Grand Encampment of New York, an election is required to be held annually at the last regular meeting of each Subordinate Encampment, in November, for officers of the Grand Encampment. At this election the P. C. P.'s in good standing in each Encampment are the only qualified electors, and a majority of all the votes cast is necessary to a choice. At the annual session of the Grand Encampment of New York, held in Brooklyn, February, 1881, it was found that no candidate for the office of R. W. Grand Representative had received a majority of all the votes cast at the previous election in the Subordinate Encampments, and, therefore, no choice had been made for that office.

The By-Laws of the Grand Encampment, however, provide for this contingency as follows:

"SECTION 3, ARTICLE III. On the first day of the annual session the votes for the elective Grand Officers shall be canvassed in the Grand Encampment. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. In case no candidate shall have received a majority, the Representatives present shall forthwith proceed to vote by ballot for the candidates nominated; and in case no choice is made on the third ballot, then the balloting shall be confined to the two having the greatest number of votes in the Grand Encampment."

Pursuant to this requirement, a ballot was ordered in the Grand Encampment for the office of R. W. Grand Representative. The Grand Scribe proceeded to call the roll, during the progress of which a P. G. P. offered his vote as a P. C. P. in good standing, stating that he was not a Grand Officer or a Representative, but claiming his right to vote under the Constitution. The Grand Patriarch decided that no person could vote unless he was an

elective Grand Officer or Representative. An appeal being taken from the decision of the Chair to the Grand Encampment, the decision of the Chair was sustained. In accordance with this decision, a vote was refused from another P. G. P., who claimed the right to vote on the same grounds. And then followed the refusal of the Grand Encampment to accept the vote of Bro. W. R. SPOONER, the appellant in this case, who claimed his right to vote as a P. C. P., of Golden Rule Encampment, No. 44.

The action of the Grand Encampment of New York in refusing the vote of Bro. SPOONER is the ground of this appeal. The appellant claims his right to vote for a Grand Representative on the occasion named, under the following provision of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of New York:

"SECTION 1, ARTICLE VII. Every Encampment shall be entitled to one vote where the number of members returned in their last annual report shall be less than twenty; two votes where the number shall be twenty; and one vote for each additional twenty members. Each regular Representative, and in his absence each proxy, shall in all cases of ballot and vote, *except in the single case in this section hereinafter provided for*, be entitled to cast the number of votes to which the Encampment he represents is entitled. Each elective Grand Officer shall be entitled to one vote; but no such officer shall vote as such and also as a Representative. All questions and votes before the Grand Encampment, not in this Constitution otherwise provided for, shall be determined by a majority of the votes given by the Representatives and elective Grand Officers present; and when five of the Representatives call for the vote by yeas and nays, or when the same are by this Constitution required to be taken, they shall be so taken and recorded on the Journal; provided, however, that all questions for the expulsion of a Representative shall be determined by the votes of the Representatives present. *But nothing contained in this Constitution shall be so construed as to deprive any Past Chief Patriarch of his right to vote for Grand Officers.*"

"SEC. 1, ART. X. The Grand Encampment may make By-Laws in conformity with this Constitution, which shall not be altered, amended, or repealed, unless the proposition therefor be made in writing by at least two Representatives, at a regular communication; which amendment shall lie over until the next regular communication; when, if approved by a two-third vote of the elective Grand Officers and Representatives present and voting, on call of Encampments, the same shall be declared adopted."

It is contended that the By-Law, (Sec. 3, Art. III,) restricting the qualified electors in the Grand Encampment to Representatives is in conflict with the last provision of Section 1, Article VII, of the Constitution, as follows: "But nothing contained in this Constitution shall be so construed as to deprive any Past Chief Patriarch of his right to vote for Grand Officers;" and in this view we concur. A provision of the By-Laws can only prevail when made in conformity with the Constitution. (See Sec. 1, Art. X, above quoted.) The By-Law does not so conform to the Constitution when it deprives a person, or a class of persons, of a right conferred upon them by the Constitution. In this case Bro. SPOONER was clearly entitled to vote under the provisions of the Constitution, and he was only denied this right by reason of the restrictions contained in the By-Laws.

In view of the fact, however, that it does not appear that the votes refused would have changed the result of the election, we see no reason for requiring that Bro. SPOONER'S vote should now be counted; but, as a guide for the future, we submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That under the provisions of the present Constitution of the Grand Encampment of New York, no Past Chief Patriarch in good standing can be deprived of his right to vote for Grand Officers when an election is held in the Grand Encampment, as in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. MORROW, WM. S. JOHNSON, T. B. ELLIOTT,
555 W. H. CROCKER, WM. W. MORRIS, A. R. COURTNEY.

The Assistant Grand Secretary submitted the following telegram, which was referred to the Committee on Credentials:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Sept. 19, 1881.

THEODORE A. ROSS,

Assistant Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:

BRO. E. D. FARNSWORTH, P. G. Sire, has been appointed Representative from the Grand Encampment of California, in place of G. W. LEWIS, resigned.

W. B. LYON, *Grand Scribe.*

On motion of Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, the Grand Lodge adjourned until Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, September 20, 1881—11 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled in special session, pursuant to the order of the M. W. Grand Sire. Present:

OFFICERS.

LUTHER J. GLENN.....M. W. Grand Sire.
ERIE J. LEECH.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
THEODORE A. ROSS.....R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
BELDEN SEYMOUR.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
J. T. HORNIBROOK.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
CHARLES H. GATCH.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
ISAAC M. VEITCH.....Missouri.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.
E. D. FARNSWORTH.....California.
JOHN W. STOKES.....Pennsylvania.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies

The R W. Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

The R W. Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, of Kentucky, addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

Almighty and eternal God, our Creator and Preserver, we have assembled together as a Brotherhood, to give expression to our sorrow at the death of our Chief Magistrate, and to mingle our grief with the millions of hearts now mourning the departure of the President of the United States. May we be warned by this event of the shortness and uncertainty of human life! We ask Thy blessing upon the aged mother, the devoted wife, and sorrowing children, whom, in Thy wisdom, Thou hast seen fit to visit with trouble and distress. Remember them, O Lord, in mercy; sanctify Thy Fatherly correction to them; endue their souls with patience under their affliction, and resignation to Thy holy will. Guide and direct those upon whom the authority of the Government shall fall, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. Bless our Fraternity, and make us faithful in the discharge of every duty. And when our earthly labors are ended, receive us into Thy kingdom above, and Thine be the glory and praise forever. Amen.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for business.

The Assistant Grand Secretary read the following:

PROCLAMATION.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,
OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE,
Cincinnati, Ohio, September 19, 1881.

To all whom it may concern:

The Sovereign Grand Lodge having adjourned until Wednesday, the 21st inst., at nine o'clock A. M., in order to participate with our brethren of Ohio in unveiling the Odd Fellows' Monument in Spring Grove Cemetery, and the death of the Hon. JAMES A. GARFIELD, President of the United States, having caused the postponement of the proposed exercises, the Officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge are notified to meet at the hall, corner of Fourth and Plum streets, in special session, to-morrow, Tuesday, the 20th inst., at eleven o'clock A. M., to take such action as may seem appropriate in regard to the great affliction to this country and the world, caused by the sudden termination of the life of the ruler of a great people.

LUTHER J. GLENN, *Grand Sire.*

THEO. A. ROSS, *Assistant Grand Secretary.*

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, the action of the Grand Sire, in issuing the foregoing proclamation, was approved.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, moved the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of eleven Representatives be appointed by the Chair to prepare and present suitable resolutions with reference to the death of Hon. JAMES A. GARFIELD, President of the United States.

The Chair announced the committee as follows:

Reps. GAREY, of Maryland; HEDGES, of Ohio; STEBBINS, of New York; DYE, of Minnesota; MORROW, of California; SLOSS, of Alabama; MCKINNEY, of New Hampshire; PERRY, of Ontario; SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania; SHAFFNER, of Kentucky; CUSHING, of Lower Provinces.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Special Committee, appointed under the resolution of Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, submit the following:

WHEREAS, The American people are this day in mourning over the death of its lately inaugurated President, who, in the prime of a virtuous life, in the full vigor of his intellectual faculties, and when, by virtue of his great office, he stood at the summit of human greatness, was shot down by an assassin, and through a long, lingering agony, passed to an untimely grave; and, WHEREAS, this body represents more than five hundred thousand men associated for fraternal and beneficial purposes, and through them, also, represents an aggregate of more than two and a half millions of persons of

every age and sex, and of many and diverse nationalities, it seems eminently proper that it should at this time give expression to the profound grief and sorrow which pervades all the Lodges and homes of its vast Brotherhood; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That this Body of Representatives, for each of their number, and for the nationalities they represent, deeply sympathizes with this free Government and its millions of patriotic citizens in their hour of trial, and will join with all good men, everywhere, in upholding the supremacy of law and the sacredness of order, so necessary to the happiness and prospertiy of this and of all peoples.

2. *Resolved*, That, as individuals representing nearly every sect, as members of differing political parties, and living under differing forms of government, we are, as one man, as one sect, as one party, as citizens living under one and the same government in the feelings of indignation and grief that stir our souls, and in the impulse that leads us to mourn at the grave of the chief of this great Republic.

3. *Resolved*, That the Assistant Grand Secretary shall cause this hall to be draped in mourning, as a mark of respect for the late JAMES A. GARFIELD, citizen, Christian, statesman, and President.

4. *Resolved*, That we will gladly co-operate with our kind friends and brethren in this city in avoiding all festivity and every demonstration which can in any way interfere with the only sentiment which should claim our attention—grief for the loss, honor to the memory, of the late President of the United States.

Respectfully submittted,

HENRY F. GAREY, of Maryland.
HENRY C. HEDGES, of Ohio.
JOHN W. STEBBINS, of New York
WALTER G. DYE, of Minnesota.
WM. W. MORROW, of California.
JOSEPH H. SLOSS, of Alabama.
L. F. MCKINNEY, of New Hampshire.
J. HAM PERRY, of Ontario, Canada.
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania.
TAL. P. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky.
ANDRE CUSHING, of Lower Provinces, B. N. A.

Bro. STOKES, P. G. Sire, of Pennsylvania, moved that the Grand Lodge, out of respect for the memory of the late President of the United States, do now adjourn, which was agreed to, and the Grand Sire accordingly declared the special session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge closed.

WEDNESDAY, September 21, 1881—9 o'clock A. M

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

LUTHER J. GLENN	M. W. Grand Sire.
ERIE J. LEECH	R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JOSHUA VANSANT	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
THEODORE A. ROSS	R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE	R. W. Grand Chaplain.
BELDEN SEYMOUR	R. W. Grand Marshal.
J. T. HORNIBROOK	R. W. Grand Guardian.
CHARLES H. GATCH	R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON	Pennsylvania.
ISAAC M. VEITCH	Missouri.
JAMES P. SANDERS	New York.
E. D. FARNSWORTH	California.
JOHN W. STOKES	Pennsylvania.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Whereupon, by further order of the Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On motion of Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, the reading of the minutes of the proceedings of Monday and Tuesday was dispensed with.

Bro. WILLIAM S. DAVIS, Representative from the Grand Encampment of Arkansas, requested that a statement be made on the Journal, that, being detained on his journey to Cincinnati, he was unable to appear in the Grand Lodge on Monday to answer to his name on the call of the roll.

The Grand Secretary was directed to comply with the request.

The Chair called the Standing and Special Committees, when

Rep. CUSHING, of Lower Provinces, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Credentials, to whom was referred a telegram from W. B. LYON, Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of California, advising of the resignation of Grand Representative LEWIS, and the appointment of E. D. FARNSWORTH, P. G. Sire, to serve in his stead; knowing said E. D. FARNSWORTH to be a most worthy Past Grand Sire, and attendant upon this session, would recommend that he be admitted to full membership, and endowed with all the rights, powers and privileges of a Representative in this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

A. CUSHING, WM. W. GARDNER, JOHN READ,
JAS. M. SERVOSS, RICHARD J. JONES.

Rep. BIGELOW, of Vermont, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. DYE, of Minnesota, asking for a change in the present law, so as to allow a past elective Grand Officer of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, who is a member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment in good standing, to introduce visitors to Lodges and Encampments in the same manner as Grand Officers, report that they believe such change would be inexpedient; and, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. BIGELOW, HENRY F. GAREY, JOS. H. SLOSS,
FRED. CARLETON, J. W. STEBBINS, J. B. GOODWIN,
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, GEO. B. BOYLES, ALBERT M. HARRIS.

Rep. BOYLES, of Tennessee, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of P. G. Sire NICHOLSON, authorizing Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs to "grant dispensations to Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to omit holding regular sessions for a specified period," have considered the same, and would respectfully report, that they are of opinion that the legislation asked for is unnecessary, and also that they fear it would open the door for greater evils than it seeks to remedy. They, therefore, offer the following:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. BOYLES, FRED. CARLETON, JNO. B. GOODWIN,
HENRY F. GAREY, GEO. H. BIGELOW, JOS. H. SLOSS,
J. W. STEBBINS, ALBERT M. HARRIS.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's Report of 1880, as relates to the numbers of extinct Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, found on page 8212 of the Journal of 1880, respectfully report that in their opinion, as in the case of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, the control of a number should not be allowed to extinct Subordinates of this Grand Body for a longer period than twenty years. They, therefore, submit the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Sire, in issuing Warrants to Subordinate Lodges or Encampments under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be authorized to use the number of any Lodge or Encampment that has been extinct over twenty years.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEBBINS,	GEO. H. BIGELOW,	FRED. CARLETON,
JOS. H. SLOSS,	GEO. B. BOYLES,	ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,
HENRY F. GAREY,	ALBERT M. HARRIS,	J. B. GOODWIN.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee, to whom were referred the resolutions of Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, the Grand Lodge of New York, and Rep. COX, of Indiana, touching the transaction of the business of the Subordinate Lodge in the Third Degree, or the Degree of Truth, would respectfully report:

They are fully aware of the importance of the proposition submitted, and have endeavored carefully to consider and weigh all the considerations that bear upon it, with a view to arriving at a correct conclusion as to what will be for the best good of the brotherhood at large. That the change is demanded by the general voice of the membership, as it has found expression in Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and through the Odd Fellows' journals in the different sections of the Sovereign Jurisdiction, can hardly be intelligently questioned; yet if the change will really prove detrimental to the growth and prosperity of the Order at large, although seemingly desired, it should not be made. If it cannot be shown to be thus detrimental, but will really be of advantage and for the good of the Order, this general demand for it should be granted.

Your committee have not deemed it inappropriate, but rather required, in view of the importance of the question, briefly to review the history of the action of this Grand Body upon this subject. In 1841 a proposition was introduced, requiring all business of the Subordinate Lodge to be transacted in the Scarlet Degree. (Journal, p. 400.) This was defeated. (Journal, p. 487.)

It was again renewed in 1846, (Journal, p. 866,) reported upon, (pp. 919, 920.) The committee reported in favor of the change. One member, however—Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania—reported against it. In acting upon the reports, the minority report was adopted: ayes 40, nays 16.

In 1854 the jurisdiction of Georgia sent up a memorial by its Rep. (now Grand Sire) GLENN, which was referred to the Legislative Committee. Subsequently, on his motion, the committee was discharged from further consideration of the subject before making any report, and it was referred to the Legislative Committee of 1855. This committee reported adversely, and their report was adopted. Here the subject rested until 1878, when, the subject being brought to the notice of this Grand Body by several Jurisdictions, their requests were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, who reported (p. 7759) "that they deemed it unwise to take any action in reference to the subject until the Degrees shall be reduced to three, when it might be expedient to adopt the measure." This was unanimously adopted.

It will thus be seen that this subject has been before this Grand Body, from time to time, for a period of forty years, and the sentiment in the Order was constantly growing stronger and stronger, until this Grand Body determined that it would be expedient to make the change when the Degrees were reduced to three. They have been so reduced, and your committee see no reason why the change should not now be made.

That all may have a suitable time allowed them to take their Degrees, who hitherto have neglected it, so as not to be shut out from attendance at the business meetings of their Lodge, unless they voluntarily choose so to be shut out by their own neglect, your committee deem it just that there should be a postponement of the time when the change should go into effect; they think nine months would afford ample time. In conferring the Degrees, the Lodge would need to open in the Degree conferred, when all the brothers who had taken the Degree to be conferred could be present.

Your committee submit the following:

Resolved, That on and after July 1st, 1882, all the business of the Subordinate Lodge shall be transacted in the Third Degree, or the Degree of Truth. The Lodge shall open in each Degree for the purpose of conferring the Degrees, and each Degree shall be conferred when it is opened in that Degree.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEBBINS, GEO. B. BOYLES, HENRY F. GAREY,
FRED. CARLETON, GEO. H. BIGELOW, ALBERT M. HARRIS,
JOS. H. SLOSS, J. B. GOODWIN.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Special Committee, to whom were referred the preamble and resolution of Rep. STEBBINS, and the petition and resolution of Rep. CROCKER, touching the printing of the Bohemian translation of the Initiatory and three Degrees of the Subordinate Lodge and the Degree of Rebekah, respectfully report that they have carefully inquired into the facts and circumstances set forth in said preamble. They find that the translation presented is executed in an elegant, plain copy hand; that the committee appointed by the Bohemian Lodges, under whose supervision it was made, are well educated in the Bohemian language, having passed through the grammar schools in Bohemia, passed the usual examination, and entered and attended college in that country for terms differing from two to three years each.

They further find that Professor ALOIS BERMAN passed through an eleven years' course of study in the University of Prague, and was afterwards professor in that college for a period of three years before coming to this country; that he has become so proficient in the English language that he has been examined, and passed examination, by the Board of Education in the city of New York, as instructor of Bohemians in the English language. Your committee have been unable to learn of any one more competent than Professor ALOIS BERMAN to make a correct translation. The Bohemian language has no dialects. One correct translation, therefore, will be adapted to all Bohemians in this country, of whom there are about 1,500,000. It is a very flexible language, rich in root words, having more of them than any language of Europe, and admits of more perfect translation of the classics into it than any other.

Your committee have no hesitation, from all they can learn, in recommending the translation of Professor ALOIS BERMAN, submitted with the preamble and resolution, and in recommending that it be printed for the use of Bohemian Lodges in the manner set forth in said resolutions. They, therefore, offer the following:

Resolved, That P. G. CHAS. J. LEDERER, of No. 431; PHILIP KRASA, of 423; ANTON LEILGEB, of 452; and JOSEPH NOVY, of 436, of the jurisdiction of New York, be, and they are hereby, authorized, under the supervision of the Committee on Printing Supplies, to cause to be printed not to exceed 250 copies each of the Initiatory and three Degrees of the Subordinate Lodge, and the Degree of Rebekah, as translated into the Bohemian language by Prof. ALOIS BERMAN, (the proof sheets to be approved and certified by him,) without expense to this Grand Lodge; and when so printed, the Committee on Printing Supplies be authorized to furnish, without charge, such of the Bohemian Lodges as procure them to be printed, the number of copies they require for their use.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEBBINS, S. W. MALLORY, J. W. OSTRANDER.

The jurisdictions were called, when

Reps. CROCKER, of Illinois, and ELLIOTT, of Wisconsin, moved the following, which was referred to the Special Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order:

WHEREAS, There is a great desire among the members of the Patriarchal Branch of the Order that some legislation be had by this Body providing an additional Degree in which the uniform heretofore adopted may be appropriately used; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a special committee of seven members be appointed by the Grand Sire to consider, and report at our next session, suitable work for such Degree.

Rep. CROCKER, of Illinois, moved the following, which was referred to the same committee:

WHEREAS, The Grand Encampment of Illinois has instructed its Grand Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge to introduce such legislation as will authorize Grand Encampments to charter Uniformed Encampments whenever application is made for the same; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the above request be referred to the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order.

Rep. CARLIN, of Illinois, as instructed by the Grand Encampment of Illinois, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That when a committee of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment has reported charges against an officer of said Lodge or Encampment, such officer shall be, by the fact of the presentation of such charges, suspended from the performance of the duties of his office. If charges be preferred against the C. P., the duties of his office shall be performed by the Senior Warden; if against the N. G, the duties of his office shall be performed by the V. G., until the charges have been determined; but if charges are preferred against any other officer of the Lodge or Encampment, the duties of his office shall be performed, until the charges have been determined, by some qualified brother, appointed for that purpose by the N. G. in case of a Lodge officer, or by some qualified Patriarch, appointed by the Chief Patriarch, in case of an Encampment officer; and any brother or Patriarch thus appointed shall take the obligation of the office, the duties of which he is thus appointed to perform, and give any bond the laws may require for such office; and all the acts of such appointee, in the performance of the duties

of such office, shall be considered and held to be the acts of an officer *pro tempore.*

Rep. NEWMAN, of Iowa, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, under instructions of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, submitted the following action of that Body, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

"Rep. CAPPELLER, from the Special Committee on 'New Work,' presented the following majority report:

"' *To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio:*

"'We, your committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to the new revised work, beg leave to offer the following:

"'Your committee believe we reflect the sense and opinion of the great majority of the active, earnest, working Odd Fellows of the State, in the belief that the business of the Subordinate Lodges should be transacted in the highest Degree, and recommend that our Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge *be instructed to advocate that change.*

"'We also believe it would largely increase and facilitate the business and perfection of the work in our Lodges, if they could be furnished with two additional books each, and recommend that our Representatives be instructed to secure the legislation necessary to this end.'"

Also a protest of the District Grand Committee of Montgomery County, Ohio, and other Districts and Lodges in Ohio, remonstrating against the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio on the subject of a change of work in Subordinate Lodges, which was referred to the same committee.

Also the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

"Rep. WEBER, from the Committee on Rebekah Degree Lodges, presented the following report, which was adopted:

"' *To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio:*

"'Your Committee on Degree of Rebekah Lodges respectfully submit the following:

"'The law passed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, creating a Term P. W. for the Rebekah Lodges, thereby preventing members of the Order in possession of said Degree from visiting Rebekah Lodges unless they are members thereof, has failed to bring about a revival in said Lodges as it was intended; on the contrary, it has been adverse to the interest and benefit of the said Lodges. It is a well-known fact that a good attendance in all the Lodges, whether by their own members or visitors, has had more to do in keeping up the life and interest of Rebekah Lodges than any other subject. We, therefore, offer the following resolution:

"'*Resolved*, That our Grand Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., be, and are hereby, instructed to use their influence, and endeavor to have the law above referred to repealed.'

"Rep. SHEPPARD, from the same committee, presented the following report, which was agreed to:

"'*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio:*

"'We, your Committee on Rebekah Degree Lodges, recommend the adoption of the following:

"'*Resolved*, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be, and are hereby, instructed to use their influence to procure such legislation as to allow Rebekah Degree Lodges to charge an initiation fee.'"

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved that, during the recess, the Grand Marshal have a platform erected on the west side of the hall for the officers of the Grand Lodge; that the desks of the members be arranged in a semi-circle, and that the Grand Lodge now take a recess for two hours to enable the alterations to be made; which was adopted, and the Grand Sire declared the Grand Lodge adjourned until 12 o'clock M.

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12 O'CLOCK M.

The Grand Lodge assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

Present: The Grand Officers and a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The Grand Sire presented a communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. HILL, of Nevada, from the Special Committee on Distribution of the Grand Sire's report, made the following report, which, the rule being suspended, was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Special Committee appointed to distribute the various subjects contained in the M. W. Grand Sire's report, beg leave to submit the following:

That so much of said report as refers to "Jurisdictions not reporting within the time required by law," and "Session at Toronto," be referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

"Revision of the Digest of the Laws," and "The Revised Work," to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Decisions Nos. 1 to 12, inclusive, and Nos. 15 to 18, inclusive, to the Committee on the State of the Order; and Nos. 13, 14, 19, and 20 to the Judiciary Committee.

"Numbers of Extinct Subordinates," and "Committee on Mileage and Per Diem," to the Legislative Committee.

"Arizona Lodge, No. 1," to the Committee on Appeals.

"Taxation of Subordinates," "Charts," "Financial," and "Office of Grand C. and R. Secretary," to the Committee on Finance.

"Supreme Temple," to the Special Committee on Patriarchal Branch.

"Commissions," and "Walla Walla Encampment, No. 3," to the Committee on Petitions.

"Foreign Countries," and "Qualifications for Membership," to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

"Petitions for a Lodge," "Lewiston Lodge, No. 8, Idaho," and "Duplicate Charters," to the Committee on Petitions.

On the subject of "Deaths," we would recommend that a special committee of three members be appointed to prepare suitable memorials.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. HILL, WM. H. ISZARD, JOHN C. VANCE,
C. P. DUNBAUGH, LINDSAY ANDERSON.

The Grand Sire appointed the following as the committee called for:

Reps. GRAHAM, of Louisiana; GIVEN, of District of Columbia; HILL, of Nevada.

Rep. HILL, of Nevada, from the Special Committee on Distribution of the Grand Secretary's report, made the following report, which, the rule being suspended, was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the report of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary for distribution to the various committees, beg leave to submit the following:

That so much as relates to "General Correspondence," be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

"Foreign Correspondence," to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

"Library," "Pamphlets," "Journals of Grand Bodies," "Periodicals," and "Miscellaneous," to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

"Warrants," "Duplicate Charters," "Cards Issued," and "Commissions to Confer the Encampment Degrees," to the Committee on Petitions.

"Montreal Encampment, No. 1," and "Grand Encampment of Dakota," to the Special Committee on the Patriarchal Branch.

"Returns from Grand and Subordinate Bodies," to the Committee on Returns.

"Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah," to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah.

"Old Electrotype Plates, etc.," "Bound Journal," and "Translation of the Ritual," to the Committee on Printing Supplies.

"Addition to the Grand Secretary's Office," "Portraits of Past Grand Sires," and "Financial Statements," to the Committee on Finance.

"Distribution of New Rituals," and "Certificates of Old Books Destroyed," to the Committee on the State of the Order.

"*Obituary*."—Your committee would recommend that this portion of the

report be referred to the special committee recommended by this committee to be appointed, in their report on the M. W. Grand Sire's report.

That portion under the caption of "Conclusion," to the careful consideration of this R. W. Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. HILL, WM. H. ISZARD, C. P. DUNBAUGH,
J. C. VANCE, LINDSAY ANDERSON.

The call of jurisdictions was resumed, when

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, moved the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, EMANUEL AMICK was granted leave by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio to appeal to this Body from the action of said Grand Lodge; and,

WHEREAS, Said AMICK, by reason of his want of knowledge of the rules, did not have his appeal filed with the Grand Secretary in the time limited by the law; and,

WHEREAS, Substantial justice will be more speedily done by transmitting the said papers to the Committee on Appeals, for their examination and report at this session;

Resolved, That the Assistant Grand Secretary place in the hands of the Committee on Appeals the said papers, and that the said committeee act thereon, in all respects, as though said appeal had been filed in due time.

Also the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, instructed to insert in the next edition of the Degree Book the obligation to be administered to Past Grands about to receive the Past Official Degrees.

Rep. APPERSON, of Oregon, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Encampment of Oregon, which was referred to the Special Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order:

From the Report of the Grand Patriarch.

"My brethren, I may have devoted more time and space to this subject than you think it deserves; but I assure you that it has not been done for display or for want of something else to do or say. My predecessors have already all had more or less to say on this important subject. It is now before the S. G. L. for their consideration. I, therefore, deem this an opportune occasion for your action, and take this opportunity to respectfully recommend that you instruct your Representatives to the S. G. L.:

"First. To use all honorable means to have all present legislation on this subject repealed.

"Second. To present the subject of establishing a higher Degree in the Patriarchal Order to that honorable body, and recommend action in harmony with the foregoing suggestion.

"Thus shall the Patriarchal Order become the crowning glory of Odd Fellowship."

"The Legislative Committee submitted the following report, which was adopted:

"'*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Oregon:*

"'Your Legislative Committee, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Patriarch's report entitled "Uniformed Patriarchs," would respectfully recommend that said part of the report be approved by this Grand Encampment, and that our Grand Representative be instructed to favor in the S. G. Lodge the preparation of a Degree for Uniformed Patriarchs, with the proviso that no Patriarch upon whom such degree has not been conferred shall, on that account, be ineligible to any office in his Subordinate or Grand Encampment.'"

Rep. BUDD, of Tennessee, in accordance with the instructions of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Tennessee feels that the provisions of this Sovereign Grand Lodge for the adoption of an endowment plan are inadequate to the proper management of the same; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be requested to consider the propriety of presenting to this Grand Body some plans looking to the adoption of an endowment plan, general in its character, to be under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Body.

Also the following, which was referred to the same committee:

Resolved, That the work of the Subordinate Lodge shall be transacted in the last or Third Degree, in place of the Initiatory.

Rep. FORD, of Washington, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

WHEREAS, At the time of the institution of the Grand Lodge of Washington, in November, 1878, the Grand Secretary demanded of the said Grand Lodge of Washington the payment of ten per cent. of the gross receipts of Subordinate Lodges 8 to 14, both inclusive, the said Subordinate Lodges prior to that time having been reporting to and working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; and,

WHEREAS, The said ten per cent. amounted to the sum of three hundred and sixty dollars, a sum far in excess of the per capita tax collected from the said Subordinate Lodges by the Grand Lodge of Washington, the same being assessed at seventy-five cents per member, amounting to $123.75, leaving a deficiency to be paid by the Grand Lodge of Washington of $236.25; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and instructed to place to the credit of the Grand Lodge of Washington the sum of $236.25, to reimburse the said Grand Lodge of Washington for the advance made in excess of receipts at the time of its institution.

Rep. CLARK, of Wisconsin, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

WHEREAS, At the session of this Grand Body held in 1879, the following resolution was adopted (page 8058 of the Journal):

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodges of Wisconsin and Illinois be, and hereby are, permitted to procure a translation of the Rituals for Subordinate Lodges, into the Norwegian language: *Provided*, such translation be made without expense (excepting the printing) to this Grand Lodge, and is submitted to

the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and shall receive his sanction and approval before the same shall be allowed to be used by any Lodge."

And, WHEREAS, The Rituals of the Initiatory and of the First, Second, and Third Degrees of the Subordinate Lodges have been translated into the Norwegian language by the order and at the expense of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, and are herewith submitted to this Sovereign Grand Lodge; therefore,

Resolved, That said translation be, and hereby is, approved, and that the same be printed under the supervision and direction of the Committee on Printing Supplies.

Resolved, That there be, and hereby is, appropriated out of the treasury of this Grand Lodge the sum of six hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the printing and binding of said Rituals.

Rep. HAYNIE, of Texas, moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution on page 8630, Journal, relating to mileage and per diem, was adopted; which was not agreed to.

Rep. JOHNSON, of California, under instructions from the Grand Lodge of California, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That any member of this Order in good standing, may petition any Lodge at his place of residence for admission by deposit of card before he shall be required to apply for a card so to be deposited; the same, however, to be upon condition that before actual admission he shall apply for and receive a card from the Lodge of which he is a member and deposit the same with the Lodge to which such application is made.

Rep. FOSTER, of Connecticut, moved the following, which was not adopted; twenty-two voting in the affirmative, and sixty-nine in the negative:

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the advisability of revising the Encampment Ritual, as adopted at the last session of this R. W. Grand Body.

Rep ELLIOTT, of Wisconsin, submitted the following, which was referred to the Special Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order:

OFFICE OF GRAND SCRIBE,
R. W. GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF WISCONSIN,
MADISON, Sept. 10, 1881.

EXTRACT.—"Your committee, to whom was referred the matter relating to the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in regard to the resolution of the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, asking that the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin and Grand Lodge of Wisconsin be merged as a Legislative Body, would respectfully report that the object sought to be obtained by this Grand Encampment, in making our State Grand Bodies one like that of the Supreme Lodge, having failed to pass that Body, we would instruct our Grand Representatives to press the subject at the next session of the Supreme Lodge, as we are satisfied that ultimately this method of legislation for the Order will succeed." Adopted.

"*Resolved*, That our Grand Representatives are hereby instructed to use their best efforts at the next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to have the matter of a Fourth or Uniform Degree referred to a special committee of Grand Encampment Representatives, with instructions to submit a Ritual for such Degree at the next meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and that this R. W. Grand Encampment earnestly appeals to the Sovereign Grand Lodge to constitute a Fourth or Uniform Degree for the Encampments." Adopted.

I hereby certify the foregoing are true and correct extracts of the proceedings in the premises, of our said Grand Encampment, at its late session, in February, A. D. 1881. L. B. HILLS, *Grand Scribe.*

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution, proposed by Rep. HILL, of Nevada, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That the following, adopted at the last session, (see Journal, page 8487,) be, and is hereby, repealed:

"'When State Grand Officers grant cards to former members of defunct Lodges, the brother receiving the card is not entitled to the A. T. P. W. The card cannot be used for visiting Lodges, but is good for deposit only by the holder, as an Ancient Odd Fellow.'"

This will be recognized, as the last proposition contained in the report of the Legislative Committee, on page 8487, Journal 1880. The next to the last of said resolutions contains a clause which is entirely in conflict with the proposition herein cited, as it provides that "*such cards shall have the same privilege as a card issued by any existing Subordinate.*" The whole of said report was made by the Legislative Committee, "with instructions to report the law as it now exists." (See 1880 Journal, page 8457.) This was near the close of the session, and, in the hurry of preparation, the two conflicting provisions were reported and passed upon without notice or debate.

The proposition proposed to be repealed was passed in 1878, Journal, 7763; and the contradictory resolution in 1870, Journal, 4848, 4892, 4893. (White's Digest, 1687.)

In order to make the law certain, one of these provisions must be repealed.

The committee, after much consideration, have concluded that the law refusing the right to a Brother of a defunct Lodge to have the same rights as any other member holding a similar card, by virtue of said card, is partial, unjust, and contrary to the principles of the Order.

They, therefore, submit the following:

Resolved, That the proposition set forth in the resolution of Rep. HILL, as cited by this committee, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. GAREY, J. W. STEBBINS, GEORGE H. BIGELOW,
GEO. B. BOYLES, J. B. GOODWIN, ALBERT M. HARRIS,
FRED. CARLETON, J. H. SLOSS.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Legislative Committee to whom were referred, as unfinished business, certain resolutions of Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, to be

found in the Journal of 1880, page 8353, beg leave to report that the same proposition has been made at this session, and has been sent to a special committee. They, therefore, offer the following:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. GAREY, ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, GEO. H. BIGELOW,
J. W. STEBBINS, FRED. CARLETON, JOHN B. GOODWIN,
JOS. H. SLOSS, ALBERT M. HARRIS, GEO. B. BOYLES.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution of the Grand Lodge of New York, submitted by Rep. DILKS, of New York: "*Resolved*, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge are hereby asked to use their influence to repeal the law now in existence, which gives a suspended member the privilege of demanding a Dismissal Certificate from his Lodge on the payment of one dollar," beg leave to report that the law referred to, with reference to the rights of brothers suspended for non-payment of dues, seems to us to be both just and proper, and ought not to be repealed. We submit the following:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. GAREY, J. W. STEBBINS, JOHN B. GOODWIN,
JOS. H. SLOSS, FRED. CARLETON, GEO. H. BIGELOW,
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, GEO. B. BOYLES, ALBERT M. HARRIS.

Rep. JONES, of Maryland, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Printing Supplies, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Secretary's report, as relates to old electrotype plates, etc., would respectfully report, that the suggestion made by the Grand Secretary be approved, and, therefore, submit the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to burn all the old Rituals now on hand, and also to break up the electrotype plates, which have been rendered useless by the adoption of the Revised Work. The plates referred to consist of the Charge and Degree Books, English, German, and Spanish; and Encampment Book, English and German. The retired books are Charge Books, English, German, French, and Spanish, 468; Degree Books, English, German, French, and Spanish, 614; Encampment Books, English, German, and French, 684.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. M. JONES, E. H. SPENCER,
JNO. T. GIVEN, JOSHUA VANSANT.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

We recommend the confirmation of the following decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire, referred to us, viz: Nos, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, and 18. A majority of the committee recommend that, as to No. 12, each Subordinate be allowed to procure not to exceed four Charge and four Degree Books.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. WHITE, L. F. MCKINNEY, JOHN G. CLARK,
JOHN N. GALE, C. A. ROBBE.

Rep. MILLER, of New Jersey, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the Report of Grand Sire HARMON as relates to Charitable Funds, etc., found on page 8213 Revised Journal of 1880, beg leave to report, that they have given the article considerable attention, but find that it is a subject to be left entirely to local legislation, and would, therefore, respectfully ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

C. MILLER, JOHN G. CLARK, JNO. H. WHITE,
C. M. BUSBEE, C. A. ROBBE, A. SLACK,
L. F. MCKINNEY.

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Washington, certifying the question stated below, respectfully report as follows, viz.: The question submitted is: "Is it legal to admit to membership, by initiation, a person who is in the military service of the United States as an enlisted soldier, having his temporary residence in a military garrison?"

Your committee are of opinion that the question submitted should be answered in the negative. It has been substantially so decided heretofore by this Grand Lodge. (White's Digest, Sec. 1715.) The question of residence is, in the main, a question of intention; but it is necessary that the person intending to acquire a residence shall have the power to carry such intention into effect. An enlisted soldier, temporarily stationed at a military garrison, cannot have such intention within the meaning of the law, because of his inability to enforce it. He is subject to military orders, liable to removal at any time, and to any place, without his own consent; and in the language of the decision referred to, is in the "pursuit of a merely temporary object." Your committee do not think it necessary to elaborate this matter. They recommend that the question be negatively answered.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. BUSBEE, JNO. H. WHITE, C. A. ROBBE
ALFRED SLACK, JOHN G. CLARK, C. MILLER.
L. F. MCKINNEY, H. D. WALKER, JOHN N. GALE.

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, from the Judiciary Committee,

made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. McQuiddy, of Indiana, submitting two questions: 1st. "When, and under what circumstances, a Lodge will be bound to pay for a nurse for a member of the same, when he is sick and under the care of another Lodge in the same or a different jurisdiction?" and, 2d. "Is such Lodge bound to pay for a nurse when provision has been made in the By-Laws of the Lodge of the sick brother *not* to pay for the same when out of the reach of his Lodge?" have considered the same, and beg leave to report, in answer to the first: Only when, and under no other circumstances, the Lodge of the sick brother, by its By-Laws, provides for the payment of a nurse; and the second question, the committee answer in the negative. The principle contained in the report of this committee, adopted last session, (Revised Journal 1880, pages 8464, 8484,) is reaffirmed by this report.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. Herring,	Jno. F. Wallick,	E. G. Budd,
Henry C. Hedges,	Jno. C. Underwood,	Thos. Hardie,
Sam'l F. Gwinner,	Alfred Orendorff,	J. Ham Perry.

Rep. Orendorff, of Illinois, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Judiciary Committee, to whom were referred the following queries, introduced by Rep. Hill, of Connecticut, to wit:

"Did the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in adopting the report of the Committee on Appeals, page 8364, Journal of 1880, intend to compel the payment of benefits by Subordinate Lodges for the first week of a member's sickness?"

"Did it intend to take away from Subordinate Lodges the right to fix the time, after initiation, when a member should become beneficial?"

Respectfully report, that the subject matter of the above queries was not in issue in the appeal case referred to, and that the adoption of the resolution dismissing said appeal did not alter the law in relation to the power of the Subordinate Lodges to control the subjects named in said queries.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Orendorff,	M. D. Herring,	Sam'l F. Gwinner,
Jno. C. Underwood,	J. Ham Perry,	Jno. F. Wallick,
Henry C. Hedges,	E. G. Budd,	Thomas Hardie.

Rep. Shaffner, of Kentucky, from the Special Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Special Committee on Patriarchal Affairs have had under consideration the report and communication from the Grand Encampment of Nevada, (Journal 8625,) respecting the propriety of adopting for the Encampment Branch of the Order the system of endowment authorized for the Lodge Department, and recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the law enacted by this Grand Lodge at its session of 1879, (see Journal, pages 8065 and 8126,) relative to the establishment of Auxiliary

Endowment Benefit Associations in the Subordinate Branch of the Order, be, and is hereby, authorized to be applied to the Encampment Branch.

Respectfully submitted,

TAL. P. SHAFFNER, N. M. JURNEY, J. C. HERMS,
R. H. EWBANKS, THOMAS A. ASKEW.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Special Committee on Patriarchal Affairs respectfully present the appended resolution for adoption.

It is not reasonable and proper to require for the lesser numerical branch of the Order, a larger number to compose a quorum than the Lodge, or larger numerical department.

The committee believe that the adoption of the resolution will be promotive of great good for the Encampment, and it will be calculated to secure meetings when a quorum of seven could not be secured.

Resolved, That a quorum for Encampments shall be five members, instead of seven as heretofore.

Respectfully submitted,

TAL. P. SHAFFNER, N. M. JURNEY, J. C. HERMS,
THOS. A. ASKEW, R. H. EWBANKS.

Rep. ROBBINS, of Rhode Island, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred the following applications for new Lodges and Encampments, to wit: Lewiston Lodge, No. 8, Lewiston, Idaho; San Vicente Lodge, No. 5, Silver City, New Mexico; Sinai Encampment, No. 6, Grand Forks, Dakota; Washington Encampment, No. 4, Port Gamble, Washington, beg leave to report, that having examined the papers for the above applications and finding the same correct, offer the following:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers in the above cases be approved, and the Charters be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

G. F. ROBBINS, J. T. HOKE, JNO. M. JONES,
JOHN J. WHIPPLE, GROVE L. JOHNSON, WALTER E. CARLIN,
FRANCISCO RICE.

Rep. WHIPPLE, of Massachusetts, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the Warrant for a Grand Encampment to be established and constituted, to be hailed and known by the title of the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Dakota, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the return and all papers therewith connected, and find them correct.

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers in the establishment of said Grand Encampment be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. WHIPPLE, G. F. ROBBINS, J. T. HOKE,
GROVE L. JOHNSON, WALTER E. CARLIN, JOHN M. JONES,
FRANCISCO RICE.

Rep. CARLIN, of Illinois, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application for a Lodge to be established at Amsterdam, in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, to be hailed and known as Prins Hendrik Lodge, No. 3, beg to report, that we have examined the papers pertaining thereto, and find them in due form. A warrant was issued, April 27th, 1881, authorizing the institution of said Lodge. We would, therefore, offer the following, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers be approved, and that the Charter be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. CARLIN, G. F. ROBBINS, J. T. HOKE,
JOHN J. WHIPPLE, FRANCISCO RICE, JNO. M. JONES,
GROVE L. JOHNSON.

Rep. CARLIN, of Illinois, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred applications for new Lodges, as follows, to wit: Pima Lodge, No. 3, located at Tucson; Pinal Lodge, No. 4, located at Pinal City; Cochise Lodge, No 5, located at Tombstone—all in Arizona Territory—beg to report that they have examined the papers relating thereto, and find them in due form; that Warrants were issued, and the Lodges named have been duly instituted. We would, therefore, offer the following, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers in the premises be approved, and the Charters for the several Lodgds named be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. CARLIN, J. T. HOKE, FRANCISCO RICE,
G. F. ROBBINS, JOHN J. WHIPPLE, GROVE L. JOHNSON,
JNO. M. JONES.

Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. ORENDORFF, of Illinois, "upon the legality and feasibility of enacting a law that no member of a Subordinate Lodge shall vote who has not received the Third Degree;" also the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio on the subject of working in the Third Degree, and the protest of sundry District Grand

Committees of Ohio as submitted by Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, regard it as unnecessary to take any action upon the said documents, as they have befor them other resolutions covering the same subject matter, but more comprehensive in their scope, upon which they have already prepared reports; and they, therefore, beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the said papers.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED. CARLETON, GEO. B. BOYLES, ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,
H. F. GAREY, J. W. STEBBINS, G. H. BIGELOW,
JOHN B. GOODWIN.

Rep. MCCAHAN, of Maryland, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books and accounts of the R. W. G. Corresponding and Recording Secretary and the R. W. G. Treasurer, and found them correct, the disbursements of the Grand Treasurer being sustained by proper vouchers. We also report the receipts and disbursements as follows:

Cash balance on hand August 31st, 1880		$18,210 31
Proceeds of sale of $5,000 U. S. Bonds, made by authority of this Grand Lodge		5,201 25
Interest on U. S. Bonds, received during the year, ending August 31st, 1881		515 25
Amount transferred from the Trust Fund Account, in accordance with the resolution of the Grand Lodge, (Journal 1880, page 8468)		100 00
Amount received from Wildey Monument Fund for insurance of Bonds		5 00
Amount from Grand Secretary, on account of supplies, dues of Subordinates and G. Rep. Tax for the fiscal year ending August 31st, 1881		85,076 33
Aggregate Receipts		$109,108 14
The Grand Treasurer, has, as per order of Grand Lodge, invested the surplus revenue in 4 and 4½ per cent. Bonds of U. S., to the amount of $31,700, for which he paid	$35,940 75	
The payments on general expense account, during the year amounted to	51,502 78	
Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer	21,664 61	
		$109,108 14

The balance of cash is on deposit in the Farmers' and Planters' National Bank, and the Bonds are deposited in the Safe Deposit Co., of Baltimore, the certificates of deposit having been examined by your committee.

The Grand Treasurer has transferred to the general fund $100, heretofore held as a Trust Fund, and transmitted to the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, in accordance with the resolution of this Grand Lodge, (Journal 1880, page 8463,) the amount of $1,016.50, less $2.75, cost of transmission, which was heretofore held as a Surplus Relief Fund. Both accounts are now closed.

The Wildey Monument Fund now represents $471.46 in cash and $2,000 U. S. Coupon Bonds at par.

The assets of the Grand Lodge, August 31st, 1881, consist of—

Cash	$21,664 61
U. S Bonds, at par	31,700 00
Supplies on hand, at cost	8,127 88
Electrotype, Steel, and Copper Plates	9,211 80
Furniture and Library	8,665 32
Grand Lodge Building	3,278 59
Ledger Balances due Grand Lodge	1,514 25
Total Assets	$84,162 45
Assets last year	51,100 69
Increase	$33,061 76

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. E. MCCAHAN, JNO. T. GIVEN, CHAS. H. RANDALL,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, JAMES B. BLANKS, HENRY L. NEWELL,
I. C. STAFFORD, L. GRAHAM, JNO. LAKE.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G Sire, the Lodge agreed to consider the reports of committees as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 8639, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of JOHN H. WHITE, Grand Rep., from the action of the Grand Encampment of New York, was considered.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved to recommit the report, with instructions to the committee to report in favor of sustaining the appeal.

The question being on the motion to recommit, it was not adopted, thirty-seven voting in the affirmative and sixty-six in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 8640, from the same committee, on the appeal of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, was considered and adopted.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, on motion of Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, the session was extended until 3 o'clock, P. M.

The next report, page 8641, from the same committee, on the appeal of J. G. MYSELL, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8642, from the same committee, on the appeal of CHARLES W. MAXWELL, from the action of Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, Winnipeg, Manitoba, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the appeal of Unity Lodge, No. 47, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, was considered.

Rep. CAMPBELL, of Ontario, moved to amend as follows:

That all after third paragraph in the report be stricken out, and the following inserted:

"Inasmuch as this Sovereign Grand Lodge gives Subordinates control of the matter of benefits, *subject to the laws and decisions of their Grand Lodges;* and as the Grand Lodge of Ontario had previously decided that its Subordinates should not have a clause of the character referred to in their By-Laws, the Committee on Laws of that jurisdiction were justified in the decision they gave in the matter of Unity Lodge. Therefore, we recommend the adoption of the following:

"*Resolved*, That the appeal of Unity Lodge, No. 47, be dismissed."

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

The next report, page 8643, from the same committee, on the appeal of W. B. LYON, Grand Secretary, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the appeal of D. N. FLITNER, P. C. P., from the action of Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, Sandwich Islands, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8644, from the same committee, on the appeal of D. N. FLITNER, P. G., from the action of Harmony Lodge, No. 3, Sandwich Islands, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8645, from the same committee, on the appeal of WINFIELD S. TOMPKINS, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, was considered.

Rep. ANDERSON, of Rhode Island, moved that the report be recommitted, with instructions to the committee to sustain the appeal, which was agreed to; sixty-four voting in the affirmative, and forty-two in the negative.

The next report, page 8646, from the same committee, on the appeal of C. S. GOODRICH, of Newton Lodge, No. 89, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page same, from the same committee, on the appeal of J. B. WILSON, from the decision of the Grand Encampment of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8647, from the same committee, on the appeal of E. N. ROGERS and M. B. CROSSMAN, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, was considered and adopted.

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, moved that the Grand Lodge now adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved to amend by striking out "to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock," and inserting "this evening at 8 o'clock."

The amendment was not agreed to; and the question recurring on the motion to adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, it was adopted.

The Grand Sire declared the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, September 22, 1881—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled, pursuant to adjournment. Present—

OFFICERS.

LUTHER J. GLENN.....M. W. Grand Sire.
ERIE J. LEECH.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
THEODORE A. ROSS.....R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
BELDEN SEYMOUR.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
J. T HORNIBROOK.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
CHARLES H. GATCH.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON..... Pennsylvania.
ISAAC M. VEITCH.....Missouri.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.
JOHN W. STOKES.....Pennsylvania.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. G. Chaplain.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives, and declared them duly qualified.

Whereupon, by further order of the Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On motion of Rep. WHEELER, of Nebraska, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Standing and Special Committees were called, when

Rep. CLARK, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred certain resolutions and propositions adopted by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, on the subject of doing all work in Subordinate Lodges in the Third Degree, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report that the *subject matter of said petition* is being duly considered by the Legislative Committee, and recommend that said petition be referred to said committee, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of said subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G CLARK, JOHN H. WHITE, JOHN N. GALE,
L. F. MCKINNEY, C. A. ROBBE, C. MILLER,
C. M. BUSBEE.

Rep. CLARK, of Wisconsin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred the following preamble and resolution of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin on the subject of a revision of the Ritual of the Rebekah Degree, to wit:

"WHEREAS, We deem it a matter of great importance that a revision of the Rebekah Degree Ritual should be made without delay; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That the Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby, instructed to use their influence at the next session of that R. W. Grand Body to procure the adoption of a new and entire revision of the Rebekah Degree Ritual, including an Installation and Funeral Ceremony,"

Have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report that, in

the opinion of your committee, the subject matter thereof is one to be considered by the "*Committee on Revision of the Work*," and respectfully recommend that the same be referred to said committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. CLARK, C. A. ROBBE, JNO. H. WHITE,
L. F. MCKINNEY, JOHN N. GALE, C. MILLER,
C. M. BUSBEE.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The translation of the Rituals into the Norwegian language, authorized by this Grand Lodge in 1879, has been made and referred to your committee, and we are asked to recommend that it be printed at the expense of this Grand Lodge. This, we think, ought not to be done. The Rituals have been translated into the Bohemian language at the expense of those of that nation asking it, and they are to bear the expense of printing them in that language. We think no distinction should be made between these two classes of members, but that all should be treated alike. We, therefore, offer the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be authorized to print two hundred and fifty copies of the Norwegian translation, provided the expense thereof be paid by the parties at whose request the translation was made, and that the Subordinate Lodges, working in that language in Wisconsin and Illinois, be furnished the lawful number free of cost to them.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. H. WHITE, C. M. BUSBEE, H. D. WALKER,
ALFRED SLACK, L. F. MCKINNEY, C. A. ROBBE,
JOHN N. GALE, C. MILLER.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The committee to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, as follows: "*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, instructed to insert in the next edition of the Degree Charge Book the Obligation to be administered to Past Grands about to receive the Past Official Degrees," have considered the same and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. H. WHITE, C. MILLER, L. F. MCKINNEY,
JOHN G. CLARK, C. M. BUSBEE, ALFRED SLACK,
C. A. ROBBE, H. D. WALKER, JOHN N. GALE.

Rep. GALE, of Vermont, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's Report, (Journal 1880, page 8214) relating to Representation, Taxation, Biennial Sessions, and Past Grand Sires, on which no action of this Grand Body has been taken, report that in view of the fact

that the subjects are now already before this session under the head of Amendments to the Constitution, no report from this committee is required, and we ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN N. GALE, J. H. WHITE, C. M. BUSBEE,
C. A. ROBBE, L. F. MCKINNEY, JOHN G. CLARK.

Rep. ORENDORFF, of Illinois, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Judiciary Committee, to whom were referred the decisions of the Grand Sire, numbered 13, 14, 19, and 20, respectfully report that they have considered the same, and recommend that number thirteen be approved. In approving this decision, the committee do so assuming that the legislation of the local Jurisdiction is not in conflict therewith, and that, by the term "heirs," dependent relatives are understood to be meant. Numbers 14, 19, and 20 should be approved. They, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the decisions of the Grand Sire, numbered 13, 14, 19, and 20, be, and the same are, hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A. ORENDORFF, M D. HERRING, SAMUEL F. GWINNER,
HENRY C HEDGES, THOMAS HARDIE, JNO. C. UNDERWOOD,
E. G. BUDD, JNO. F. WALLICK.

Rep. SLOSS, of Alabama, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Grand Sire as refers to "*Numbers of Extinct Subordinates*," beg leave to report that, having submitted a report upon this subject, to be found on page 8690 of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, we ask to be discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. H. SLOSS, HENRY F. GAREY, GEO. H. BIGELOW,
FRED. CARLETON, J. W. STEBBINS, J. B. GOODWIN,
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, GEO. B. BOYLES, ALBERT M. HARRIS.

Rep. SLOSS, of Alabama, from the same committee. made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report as suggested an increase of the number of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, beg leave to submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem consist of seven members.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. H. SLOSS, HENRY F. GAREY, J. W. STEBBINS,
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, GEO. B. BOYLES, FRED. CARLETON,
GEO. H. BIGELOW, A. M. HARRIS, JNO. B. GOODWIN.

Rep. GOODWIN, of Georgia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution, introduced by Rep. JOHNSON, of California, under instructions from the Grand Lodge of California, asking, "That any member of this Order, in good standing, may petition any Lodge, at his place of residence for admismission, by deposit of card, before he shall be required to apply for a card to be deposited; the same, however, to be upon condition that, before actual admission, he shall apply for and receive a card from the Lodge of which he is a member, and deposit the same with the Lodge to which such application is made,"—respectfully report that we deem the legislation proposed by said resolution inexpedient, and, therefore, submit the following:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. GOODWIN,	GEO. B. BOYLES,	ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,
HENRY F. GAREY,	FRED. CARLETON,	J. W. STEBBINS,
GEORGE H. BIGELOW,	JOS. H. SLOSS,	ALBERT M. HARRIS.

Rep. LAKE, of Illinois, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the memorial of "Americus Lodge, No. 1, Barbados;" "Arizona Lodge, No. 1, and Phœnix Lodge, No. 2, Arizona;" "Caddo Lodge, No. 1, Indian Territory;" "Harmony Lodge, No. 3, Honolulu;" and "Gateway City Lodge, No. 4, Manitoba," beg leave to report that said Lodges ask a reduction of the percentage assessed on all Subordinates working under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. To comply with their request requires new legislation; we, therefore, recommend that said memorials be referred to the Legislative Committee, and that we be discharged from further consideration of the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN LAKE,	M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,	JAMES B BLANKS,
HENRY L. NEWELL,	I. C. STAFFORD,	JNO. T. GIVEN,
JNO. E. MCCAHAN,	CHAS. H. RANDALL,	L. GRAHAM.

Rep STAFFORD, of Texas, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the application of the Grand Encampment of Dakota, would respectfully report that, inasmuch as that Jurisdiction has elected a R. W. Grand Representative to this Grand Body, and he has been admitted, the committee, therefore, recommend the following:

Resolved, That the dues of the Subordinate Encampments of that Jurisdic-

tion, due the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be remitted for and during the present year.

Respectfully submitted,

I. C. STAFFORD, CHAS. H. RANDALL, L. GRAHAM,
HENRY L. NEWELL, JNO. LAKE, JAMES B. BLANKS,
JNO. T. GIVEN, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE.

Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the application of the Grand Lodge of Washington for a credit of $236.25 to reimburse it for the excess of expenditure over and above the assessment collected from the Lodges in their jurisdiction at the time of the institution of its Grand Lodge, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to place to the credit of the Grand Lodge of Washington, the sum of $236.25, to reimburse it for advances made in excess of its receipts at the date of its institution.

Respectfully submitted,

M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, CHAS. H. RANDALL, JNO. E. MCCAHAN,
JNO. T. GIVEN, HENRY L. NEWELL, JOHN LAKE,
I. C. STAFFORD, L. GRAHAM, JAMES B. BLANKS.

Rep. BLANKS, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the petition of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, praying for a remission of the Representative tax due by said Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for the years 1879, 1880, and 1881, respectfully report that, in consideration of the fact that the said Grand Lodge of British Columbia, as is evidenced by their petition, is struggling to keep alive the Order in that distant jurisdiction, and being composed of only five Subordinate Lodges, and having no Representative on the floor of this Grand Body; your committee, therefore, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be, and he is hereby, directed to credit the account of said Grand Lodge of British Columbia with the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars, the same being the amount now due as Representative tax for the years 1879, 1880, and 1881.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. BLANKS, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, I. C. STAFFORD,
JNO. LAKE, JNO. E. MCCAHAN, JNO. T. GIVEN,
CHAS. H. RANDALL, L. GRAHAM, HENRY L. NEWELL

Rep. BLOCK, of Iowa, from the Committee on Constitutions made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the amendments to the By-Laws of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, of New Mexico, as well as the By-

Laws of Arizona Lodge, No. 1, of Arizona, and the By-Laws of Harmony Encampment, No. 3, of Wyoming, respectfully report, that they have examined the same, and found them in accordance with law and usage, and the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the By-Laws of the above-named Lodges and Encampment be, and are hereby, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN BLOCK, A. B. CRANE, GEO. W. CURTIS,
JOHN W. SAUL, E. G. D. HOLDEN, GEORGE W. DILKS,
G. W. HURLEY.

Rep. BLOCK, of Iowa, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the Constitution and By-Laws of Arizona Degree Lodge, No. 1, of the Daughters of Rebekah, beg leave to report that they have considered the same, and are of opinion that the same should be approved, excepting that part of Section 1, Article II, of said Constitution which provides that an applicant for membership shall be declared rejected if more than two black balls shall appear. This Grand Body has decided (Sec. 509 a, White's Digest) that a majority vote only is necessary for an election to membership. The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That, excepting only that part of Section 1, Article II, above quoted, the Constitution and By-Laws of Arizona Rebekah Degree Lodge be, and are hereby, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN BLOCK, E. G. D. HOLDEN, G. W. HURLEY,
JOHN W. SAUL, A. B. CRANE, GEO. W. CURTIS,
GEORGE W. DILKS.

Rep. BLOCK, of Iowa, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the By-Laws of Harmony Lodge, No. 3, Sandwich Islands, respectfully report: Section 3, Article XIII, thereof provides, that should a question arise as to the true intent and meaning of said By-Laws, such question shall be referred to a committee of five Past Grands, whose decision shall be final, except that an appeal from the same shall lie to the M. W. Grand Sire, his Deputy, or this R. W. Grand Body. This provision is contrary to the usage of our Order. Questions of construction are first determined by the presiding officer of the Lodge, and on appeal from him, by the Lodge itself. An appeal lies from the action of the Lodge, but not from that of a committee. The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That, with the exception of said section, the By-Laws of said Harmony Lodge be, and are hereby, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN BLOCK, A. B. CRANE, JOHN W. SAUL,
GEO. W. CURTIS, E. G. D. HOLDEN, GEORGE W. DILKS,
G. W. HURLEY.

Rep. BLOCK, of Iowa, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the By-Laws of Pima Lodge, No. 3, I. O. O. F., of Arizona, beg leave to report that we have examined the same, and favor their approval, with the exception of the last part of Section 2, Article IX, which, if we correctly understand the meaning thereof, provides that a member suspended for cause shall not be entitled to benefits until after the expiration of six months from the expiration of his term of suspension. We think a brother should not be punished twice for one offense, and that the provision aforesaid is in conflict with the laws of this Body, as found in Section 1777 of White's Digest; and the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That, with the exception aforesaid, the By-Laws of said Pima Lodge be, and are hereby, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN BLOCK, A. B. CRANE, JOHN W. SAUL,
GEO. W. CURTIS, E. G. D. HOLDEN, G. W. HURLEY,
GEO. W. DILKS.

Rep. DILKS, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, would report that they have examined the same, and find nothing therein in conflict with the laws of this Grand Lodge, with the single exception of the following sentence, in Section 13, viz.: "They shall have authority to grant dispensations to initiate persons over fifty years of age," which we recommend be stricken out, as it is unlawful to make any limit as to age of applicants for membership, except that they shall be of the age of twenty-one years. (See Section 2, Article XVI of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge). We, therefore, offer the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, with the exception above stated, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. DILKS, HERMAN BLOCK, E. G. D. HOLDEN,
G. W. HURLEY, JOHN W. SAUL, A. B. CRANE,
GEO. W. CURTIS.

Rep. DILKS, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, would report that they have examined the same, and find nothing contained therein in conflict with the laws of this Grand Lodge. We, therefore, offer the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska be, and the same is hereby, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. DILKS, HERMAN BLOCK, E. G. D. HOLDEN,
G. W. HURLEY, JOHN W. SAUL, A. B. CRANE,
GEORGE W. CURTIS.

Rep. WHIPPLE, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred the papers in the following cases of application for Subordinate Encampments, to wit: Walla Walla Encampment, No. 3, Washington Territory, located at Walla Walla; Harmony Encampment, No. 3, located at Fort Laramie, Wyoming Territory, respectfully report that Warrants have been issued and the Encampments instituted; therefore,

Resolved, That the action of the Most Worthy Grand Sire in issuing said Warrants be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. WHIPPLE, J. T. HOKE, JNO. M. JONES,
G. F. ROBBINS, GROVE L. JOHNSON, WALTER E. CARLIN,
FRANCISCO RICE.

Rep. LAMOS, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Returns beg leave to report, that they have examined the returns from the following Subordinate Encampments, working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, and find them correct, save and except Crusader, No. 3, Butte City, Montana, no date of meeting given, and Centennial, No. 3, Santa Fe, New Mexico, no seal; viz.: Hope Encampment, No. 2, Cheyenne; Wyoming, No. 1, Laramie, Wyoming; Polynesia, No. 1, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands; Royal Purple, No. 1, Sioux Falls; Yankton, No. 2, Yankton; Hesperian, No. 3, Elk Point; Golden Rule, No. 4, Bismarck; Black Hills, No. 5, Deadwood, Dakota; Florida, No. 1, Jacksonville; Aucilla, No. 2, Tallahassee; Excelsior, No. 4, Pensacola; Key West, No. 5, Key West; Withlacoochie, No. 6, Ellaville, Florida; Idaho, No. 1, Boise City, Idaho; Stuart, No. 10, Pictou; Milicete, No. 11, St. John; Halifax, No. 12, Halifax; Port La Joie, No. 13, Charlottetown, Lower Provinces; Rocky Mountain, No. 1, Helena; Golden Star, No. 2, Deer Lodge, Montana.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. D. LAMOS, GEO. N. MOSES, L. C. TOURTELLOT,
W. BOUTELLE, JACOB LOEB, WILLIAM LACY,
IRA STANBERY.

Rep. MOSES, of Connecticut, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Returns would report having examined the returns from the following Subordinate Lodges working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, and find the following correct: Phœnix, No. 2, Arizona; Mt. Idaho, No. 7, Idaho; Manitoba, No. 1, Manitoba; Gateway City, No. 4, Manitoba; Mt. Sinai, No. 2, Netherlands; Las Vegas, No. 4, New Mexico; Americus, No. 1, Barbados; Caddo, No. 1, Indian Territory; Portage, No. 3, Manitoba; Paradise, No. 1, Netherlands;

Paradise, No. 2, New Mexico; Lima, No. 1, Peru; Excelsior, No. 1, and Harmony, No. 3, Sandwich Islands.

We find the following incorrect: Arizona, No. 1, Arizona; (no day of meeting given, residence of officers not given;) Tishomingo, No. 2, Indian Territory, (no date when certified by retiring officers;) McAlister, No. 3, Indian Territory, (no seal, no date on certificate;) Fortschritt, No. 3, Peru, (no date on certificate;) Chalaco, No. 4, Peru, (not signed by retiring officers, and no seal.)

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. N. MOSES, GEO. D. LAMOS, W. BOUTELLE,
L. C. TOURTELLOT, JACOB LOEB, IRA STANBERY,
WILLIAM LACY.

Rep. TOURTELLOT, of Rhode Island, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Returns beg leave to report, that they have examined the returns from the following Grand Lodges, and find them correct, viz: Grand Lodges of Georgia, California, Chile, British Columbia, Alabama, Colorado, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Kentucky, Dakota, Arkansas, Florida, Minnesota, Maryland, Maine, Connecticut, Missouri, Delaware, and Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. TOURTELLOT, GEO. N. MOSES, W. BOUTELLE,
GEO. D. LAMOS, WILLIAM LACY, IRA STANBERY,
JACOB LOEB.

Rep. NEWMAN, of Iowa, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. MCQUIDDY, of Indiana, asking for legislation in reference to the daughters of deceased Odd Fellows who have not received the Third Degree, and have died in good standing in their Lodges, would report the following:

Resolved, That the unmarried daughters of Odd Fellows, who have attained the age of eighteen years, and whose parents are dead, may be admitted to membership in Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah, when proposed by the Noble Grand of the Lodge to which the father was formerly attached.

Respectfully submitted,

B. NEWMAN, S. B. HALLEY, J. T. APPERSON,
J. A. HAYNIE, WM. D. HAY, H. ALTMAN.

Rep. JONES, of Maryland, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Printing Supplies, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as relates to *Volume Ten*, would respect-

fully report, that they have considered the matter, and find that the Journals of 1879, 1880, and 1881, with index, will make a volume of at least one thousand pages; and, should this Grand Lodge deem it advisable to issue *Volume Ten* during this year, would recommend, that authority be given the Committee on Printing Supplies to contract for the preparation of the Index and the publication of the book, The cost of five hundred copies, including fifty dollars for the Index, will be about eight hundred dollars.

In reference to translations of the Ritual, the committee deem it inexpedient to recommend any thing in that connection, as that matter is now in the hands of a special committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. JONES, JNO. T. GIVEN, E. H. SPENCER.

Rep. MOSES, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Returns, having examined the returns from the following Grand Encampments, would report as correct:

Arkansas, Colorado, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, Georgia, and Virginia.

Ontario, no seal; Oregon, no report of relief; Vermont, number of weeks sickness not given; Minnesota and West Virginia, blank for time and place of annual session not filled.

No reports are received from Alabama, or New York, although the session of the last named was held in February last, and the first named in May last.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE N. MOSES, GEO. D. LAMOS, L. C. TOURTELLOT,
WILLIAM LACY, IRA STANBERY, W. BOUTELLE,
JACOB LOEB.

Rep. LACY, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Returns report, that they have examined the returns made by the following Grand Lodges of the Rebekah Degree Lodges in their several jurisdictions, viz.: Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin, and find them correct.

The report from California for the year ended 31st December, 1880, is dated 30th April, 1880.

The report from Michigan is not signed by the Grand Master; that from Ohio bears the signature of the Grand Master by proxy.

The following memorandum is attached to the report from the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. Its able and industrious Grand Secretary placed it there, no doubt, in the hope that it would not be passed over by this committee:

"The reports from the Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah go from bad to worse, and it is useless to repeat what has been said upon this subject from year to year. There are supposed to be seventy-five Degree

Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah in existence, of which number twenty-nine reported in 1880."

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM LACY, GEO. N. MOSES, GEO. D. LAMOS,
L. C. TOURTELLOT, IRA STANBERY, W. BOUTELLE,
JACOB LOEB.

Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Dakota, would report, that they examined the same, and would recommend that it be approved, with the following corrections:

Section 3 of Article III reads: . . . "To be eligible to the office of Grand Patriarch, he must be a Past Chief Patriarch." This, your committee think, is clearly wrong; the Grand Encampment of Dakota is composed of Past Chief Patriarchs and Past High Priests, and the Sovereign Grand Lodge has decided (page 8370, Journal, 1880) that if a Grand Encampment admits Past High Priests, they cannot disqualify them from any office. We, therefore, recommend that the words above quoted be stricken out.

Section 9 of same Article, "Duties of D. D. G. Patriarchs," reads: . . . "And in the absence of the Grand Patriarch, or Grand High Priest, install the officers" In the opinion of your committee, the words "or Grand High Priest" should be stricken out.

Section 2 of Article IV, "Duties of a Grand Representative," reads as follows: . . . "And should he be unable to attend, he shall notify the Grand Patriarch, who shall appoint a substitute." This, your committee think, should be stricken out, as they are not aware that the Sovereign Grand Lodge recognizes substitutes.

Section 4 of Article VII, "Trials," reads: . . . "*Provided*, that such member shall not be allowed to vote in the Grand Encampment during the time of his trial." This is in direct violation of the laws of this Grand Body. (See Digest, Section 321, which defines the rights of members under charges.) It should, therefore, be stricken out. We offer the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Dakota be approved as corrected.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. CRANE, HERMAN BLOCK, GEO. W. DILKS,
E. G. D. HOLDEN, GEO. W. CURTIS, JOHN W. SAUL,
G. W. HURLEY.

Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the amended Constitutions of the R. W. Grand Lodges of Ontario, District of Columbia, Iowa, Alabama, and Michigan, also the Constitutions of the R. W. Grand Encampments of Iowa, Missouri, Michigan, and Massachusetts, would report, that they have carefully examined the same, and would recommend that they be approved. We, therefore, offer the following:

Resolved, That the Constitutions of the above named Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments be, and are hereby, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. CRANE, HERMAN BLOCK, GEO. W. CURTIS,
JOHN W. SAUL, GEORGE W. DILKS, E. G. D. HOLDEN,
G. W. HURLEY.

Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the Constitutions and By-Laws of Golden Rule Encampment, No. 4, and Black Hills Encampment, No. 5, of Dakota, would report, that inasmuch as a Grand Encampment has been instituted in that jurisdiction, it should pass upon the laws of its own Subordinates. We, therefore, offer the following:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. CRANE, HERMAN BLOCK, GEORGE W. DILKS,
E. G. D. HOLDEN, GEO. W. CURTIS, JOHN W. SAUL,
G. W. HURLEY.

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee, to whom was recommitted its report, found on page 8645, Journal, now report, under instructions, in favor of sustaining the appeal of WINFIELD S. TOMPKINS against the R. W. Grand Lodge of Rhode Island. Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. MORRIS, CHAIRMAN.

Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of EMANUEL AMICK *vs.* the Grand Lodge of Ohio, would respectfully report, that the appellant, some three years ago, was tried in Goshen Lodge, No. 82, Canal Dover, Ohio, for fraudulently obtaining money and for drunkenness, and on these charges was found guilty, and expelled from the Lodge. An appeal was taken to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and dismissed, and an appeal to this Grand Lodge in 1878 met the same fate. In 1879 he petitioned this Grand Lodge for a new hearing of his case by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and his petition was granted. The appellant was again tried by his Lodge, and again expelled. He appealed to the District Grand Committee, which reversed the action of the Lodge, and ordered a new trial, with permission to the Lodge to amend the specifications of charges, and make them more definite. In compliance with this order, Bro. AMICK was for the third time tried and expelled. He again appealed to the District Committee, and they again reversed the decision of the Lodge. Goshen Lodge then appealed to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which reversed the action of the District Grand Com-

mittee, and sustained the appeal. Whereupon Bro. AMICK appeals to this Grand Lodge.

The only record properly certified to, which accompanies this appeal, is the report of the Appeal Committee to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and it does not even appear that this report was adopted. But as the report recommended that the appeal of Goshen Lodge be sustained, and leave was granted Bro. AMICK to appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, we infer that the recommendation was adopted.

In this report there is nothing whatever for this Grand Lodge to base an opinion upon, and it does not appear therein that either the District Grand Committee, or the Appeal Committee of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, had any evidence before them on which to give an intelligent decision of the case. It is quite likely, however, that on some points they had knowledge which does not appear in their report, and hence is not before us. But the committee expressly state that the evidence upon which Goshen Lodge based its action was not before the District Grand Committee, nor the Grand Lodge, and hence neither could determine that the decision of Goshen Lodge was not supported by the evidence.

In view of the foregoing facts, your committee, not having anything before them to sustain the appeal, recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of EMANUEL AMICK *vs.* the Grand Lodge of Ohio be dismissed, without prejudice to either party interested therein.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. JOHNSON, WM. W. MORRIS, WM. W. MORROW,
T. B. ELLIOTT, A. R. COURTNEY, JAMES WOODYATT,
W. H. CROCKER, C. C. PEARCE, W. A. SHIELDS.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, from the Special Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Special Committee on Patriarchal Affairs, to whom were referred the several communications from the Grand Encampments of Wisconsin, Illinois, and other jurisdictions, requesting the enactment of legislation authorizing the chartering of Uniformed Encampments whenever application for the same be made, and for the creation of a degree for the special use of Uniformed Patriarchs, respectfully report:

1st. The authority for the chartering of Uniformed Encampments was enacted by the session of 1880, page 8345. The committee recognize that action as granting the desired object.

2d. Yielding to the general wish manifested for a special Degree to be used by bodies of Uniformed Patriarchs, the committee recommend the appointment of a special committee, to be composed of five members, to prepare and report to this Grand Lodge, at its next session, a Degree suitable and appropriate for the purposes desired; conditional, however, that the following principles be observed:

1st. That the qualification for taking the said Degree shall be the possession of the Royal Purple Degree.

2d. It shall not be compulsory for Royal Purple members to take the said Degree.

3d. It shall not be a qualification for membership in Grand Encampments and in the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

TAL. P. SHAFFNER, N. M. JURNEY, J. C. HERMS,
THOS. A. ASKEW, R. H. EWBANKS.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, from the same committee,

made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Special Committee on Patriarchal Affairs, to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, favoring a consolidation, or the uniting in one body, Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and petitioning for such action as will accomplish that object, respectfully report:

The committee are, as at present advised, unable to appreciate any argument as conclusive that any good would be produced by such a revolution in the organic system of the Order. And, further, the action of this Grand Lodge on this day, indefinitely postponing the proposed amendment to its Constitution, (see page 8425 of Journal, 1880), which intended to effect the consolidation of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, was, and is, sufficient to dispel any expectation of the enactment of any such consolidation.

Respectfully submitted,

TAL. P. SHAFFNER, R. H. EWBANKS, N. M. JURNEY,
THOS. A. ASKEW, J. C. HERMS.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Special Committee on Patriarchal Affairs, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report as refers to the "Supreme Temple" or Patriarchal Circle, respectfully report that the subject has been considered by this committee, and made the substance of another report; and, therefore, the committee ask to be discharged from further action upon the same.

Respectfully submitted,

TAL. P. SHAFFNER, R. H. EWBANKS, N. M. JURNEY,
THOS. A. ASKEW, J. C. HERMS.

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the appeal of W. B. LYON, Grand Secretary, *vs.* the Grand Lodge of California, as to whether the widow of a person, who was not a member of the Order, but whose father and brother are members in good standing, and have attained the Scarlet Degree, are entitled to have the Degree of Rebekah, for a construction of law involved, report, that in 1878 (see Journal, 7852, 7882,) this Grand Lodge enacted, "That the unmarried daughters of Odd Fellows of the Scarlet Degree, who are above the age of eighteen years, be, and they are hereby, made suitable candidates for admission into Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah, when proposed by either parent, or by a guardian, and that the same rule apply to unmarried sisters of Odd Fellows of the Scarlet Degree, when proposed by their brothers."

Your committee are called on to give a judicial construction to the word "unmarried" as found in the first line, and last line but one of said resolution. To your committee there does not appear to be any uncertainty or ambiguity in the term. We may, however, inquire, in order to aid us in a right construction: Why did the Grand Lodge limit the privilege to unmar-

ried daughters and sisters of Scarlet Degree members? Why was not the boon of becoming a "Daughter of Rebekah" cast upon all the daughters and all the sisters of Scarlet Degree members, who are above eighteen years of age? Most certainly the disability to some was coverture with a person who was not connected with the Order. If your committee are correct, then, when the disability is removed, with its removal the limitation ceases.

Again, this Grand Body, at its session of 1880, went still further, and enacted that the unmarried daughters, over eighteen years of age, of deceased Odd Fellows of the Scarlet Degree may be admitted to membership in a Lodge of Rebekah, under given conditions. (See Journal, 8390 and 8477.) The tendency of all legislation has been to remove the limitations and enlarge the privilege. Your committee are of the opinion that the language used in the law, as well as the evident reason for the limitation to unmarried daughters and sisters, *excluding married daughters and sisters*—to wit, COVERTURE—and also the liberal tendency of this Body to an enlargement of the classes who may receive its privileges, warrant us in the construction and conclusion, that the terms, unmarried daughters and unmarried sisters, include daughters and sisters who once were married—once were under the disability of coverture, but afterward, by death of their husbands, or for other cause, became single women—*femmes sole*—the disability of coverture is removed.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. HEDGES,	M. D. HERRING,	SAM'L. F. GWINNER,
J. HAM PERRY,	JNO. C. UNDERWOOD	THOMAS HARDIE,
ALFRED ORENDORFF,	E. G. BUDD,	JNO. F. WALLICK.

Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. CARLIN, of Illinois, asking that "when a committee of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment has reported charges against an officer of said Lodge or Encampment, such officer shall be, by the fact of the presentation of such charges, suspended from the performance of the duties of his office; if charges be preferred against the C. P., the duties of his office shall be performed by the Senior Warden; if against the N. G., the duties of his office shall be performed by the V. G., until the charges have been determined; but if charges are preferred against any other officer of the Lodge or Encampment, the duties of his office shall be performed, until the charges have been determined, by some qualified brother, appointed for that purpose—by the N. G., in case of a Lodge officer, or by some qualified Patriarch appointed by the Chief Patriarch, in case of an Encampment officer—and any Brother or Patriarch thus appointed shall take the obligation of the office, the duties of which he is thus appointed to perform, and give any bond the laws may require for such office; and all the acts of such appointee in the performance of the duties of such office shall be considered and held to be the acts of an officer *pro tempore*," beg leave to report that they have given the subject matter of said resolution their best consideration, and believe that the proposed legislation is unnecessary and inexpedient, and, therefore, submit the following:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED. CARLETON,	J. B. GOODWIN,	HENRY F. GAREY,
GEORGE H. BIGELOW,	ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,	GEO. B. BOYLES,
JOS. H. SLOSS.		

The jurisdictions were called, when

Rep. MOSES, of Connecticut, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That for the remainder of this session, the meetings of this Grand Body shall be from 9 o'clock, A. M., until 1 P. M., and from 3 to 5:30 P. M.

Rep. HILL, of Connecticut, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Sovereign Grand Lodge adjourn, *sine die*, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Saturday, September 24th.

Rep VOEGTLE, of Louisiana, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the hour of 4 o'clock, P. M., Friday, September 23d, be designated for the reception of obituary notices.

Rep. WHIPPLE, of Massachusetts, moved the following:

Resolved, That all Grand Representatives, Past Grand Sires, and Grand Officers, (who have not heretofore received them), be furnished with the bound Journals of the Sovereign Grand Lodge free of charge, (except express charges,) and with one copy of White's Revised Digest, at cost.

Rep. MILLER, of New Jersey, moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Finance, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution, it was adopted.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That those members of the Sub-Committee on Revision, in attendance at this session, and engaged in the discharge of their duties, and who are not Representatives to this Grand Lodge, be allowed the regular mileage and per diem.

Rep. VANCE, of West Virginia, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

At a meeting of the Grand Encampment of West Virginia, held in 1880, the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That our Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be requested to make the following inquiry:

"Is a Lodge or Encampment bound to pay benefits to a brother who may become blind by sickness or accident, but otherwise in good health, the same as one who may continue sick, or is it left to Subordinate Lodges or Encampments?"

Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, moved that the report of

the Special Committee on Rules, page 8674, Journal, be now considered, which was agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, the Grand Secretary was directed to have the Rules of Order printed for the use of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, moved that the proposed amendments to the Constitution be now considered, which was agreed to.

The first amendment, page 8415, Journal, as follows, was considered:

Amend Article II, as follows: Strike out the words "Corresponding and Recording," so that the Article will read:

ARTICLE II. This Grand Lodge shall be composed of the following members, to wit: A Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian, Grand Messenger, and Grand Representatives from the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments working under legal, unreclaimed Charters granted by this Grand Lodge.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment. Rep. ELLIOTT, of Wisconsin, moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the subject, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative, and the Constitution was accordingly so amended.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Adkison, Albin, Apperson, Altman, Anderson, Arndt, Askew, Barker, Bigelow, Blanks, Block, Boutelle, Boyles, Briggs, Brown, Budd, Busbee, Cadle, Campbell, Cappeller, Carleton, Carlin, Chamberlin, Clark, Colledge, Courtney, Cox of Indiana, Cox of Maine, Crane, Crocker, Curtis, Cushing, Davis of Arkansas, Davis of Maine, Dilks, Donogh, Dunbaugh, Dye, Ewbanks, Farnsworth, Ford of Nebraska, Ford of Washington, Fleming, Foster, Furnald, Gale, Gardner, Garey, Given, Goodwin, Graham, Gwinner, Halley, Hardie, Harris, Hay, Haynie, Hazlett (2 votes), Hedges, Herms, Hill of Connecticut, Hill of Nevada, Hirsh, Holden, Hoke, Hungerford, Hurley, Hyde, Iszard, Jakes, Johnson of California, Johnson of Rhode Island, Jones of Maryland, Jones of North Carolina, Joslin, Jurney, Kelsey, Kenworthy, Lacy, Lake, Lamos, Lehman, Loeb, Mallory, McCahan, McKenzie, McKinney, McQuiddy, Miller, Morris, Morrow, Moses, Muckle, Newell, Newman, Northcraft, Nutt, Orendorff, Ostrander, Palmer, Perry, Petty, Poore, Price of Kansas, Price of Missouri, Randall, Rawlings, Read, Rice, Ricks, Robbe, Robbins, Saul, Servoss, Sheppard, Slack, Sloss, Speice, Spen-

cer, Stafford, Stanbery, Starling, Stebbins, Tourtellot, Underwood, Vance, Voegtle, Walker, Weakley, Wheeler, Whipple, White, Woodyatt.—134

NAYS.—Reps. Elliott, Morrison, Shaffner, Shields.—4.

The next amendment, page 8415, Journal, as follows, was considered:

Amend Article III, Sections 1 and 2, as follows: Strike out "Most Worthy," "Right Worthy," "Corresponding and Recording," so that the sections will read:

ARTICLE III, SECTION 1. The Officers of this Grand Lodge shall be the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot by a majority of all the votes cast, biennially, at the stated communication of this Grand Lodge in September, and shall be installed into their respective offices at the conclusion of said stated communication.

SEC. 2. The Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian, and Grand Messenger shall be nominated by the Grand Sire, and, if approved by the Grand Lodge, shall be installed into their respective offices immediately after the installation of the elective officers.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, Rep. COLLEDGE, of the District of Columbia, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative, and the Constitution was accordingly so amended.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Adkison, Albin, Apperson, Altman, Anderson, Arndt, Barker, Bigelow, Blanks, Block, Boutelle, Boyles, Briggs, Brown, Busbee, Cadle, Campbell, Carlin, Chamberlin, Cheney, Clark, Colledge, Courtney, Cox of Indiana, Cox of Maine, Crane, Crocker, Curtis, Cushing, Davis of Arkansas, Davis of Maine, Dilks, Donogh, Dunbaugh, Dye, Elliott, Farnsworth, Ford of Nebraska, Ford of Washington, Fleming, Foster, Furnald, Gale (2 votes), Gardner, Garey, Given, Goodwin, Graham, Gwinner, Halley, Hardie, Harris, Hay, Haynie (2 votes), Hazlett (2 votes), Hedges (2 votes), Heeseman, Herms, Herring, Hill of Connecticut, Hill of Nevada, Hirsh, Holden, Hoke, Hungerford, Hurley, Hyde, Iszard (2 votes), Johnson of California, Johnson of Rhode Island, Jones of Maryland, Jones of North Carolina, Joslin, Jurney, Kenworthy, Lacy, Lake, Lamos, Loeb, Mallory, McCahan, McKinney, McQuiddy, Morrow, Moses, Muckle, Newell, Newman, Northcraft, Nutt, Orendorff, Ostrander, Palmer, Perry, Petty, Poore, Price of Kansas, Price of Missouri, Randall, Rawlings, Read, Rice, Ricks, Robbins, Saul, Servoss, Sheppard, Slack, Speice, Stafford, Stanbery, Starling, Stebbins, Tourtellot, Underwood Vance, Voegtle, Walker, Wallick, Wheeler, Whipple, White, Woodyatt.—128.

NAYS.—Reps. Askew, Ewbanks, Jakes, Morrison, Robbe, Shaffner, Sloss, Spencer, Weakley.—9.

The next amendment, page 8387, Journal, as follows, was considered:

Amend Article II of the Constitution, by adding after "Grand Messenger," in fourth line, the words "Past Grand Sires," so that the article will read as follows:

ARTICLE II. This Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be composed of the following members, to wit: A Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian, Grand Messenger, Past Grand Sires, and Grand Representatives from the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, working under legal, unreclaimed Charters granted by this Grand Lodge.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next amendment, page 8425, Journal, as follows, was considered:

Amend Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., as follows, viz.: by adding to said Section 2 the following words:

Provided, that the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of any State, District, or Territory, may consolidate into one Grand Body within such jurisdiction, with such constitutional powers and privileges as may be approved by this Grand Body, from time to time; in which case such Consolidated Body shall have the same number of Representatives as would have been allowed to both of said Grand Bodies, if no consolidation had been made.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, Rep. ANDERSON, of Rhode Island, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to, 61 voting in the affirmative, and 48 in the negative.

The next amendment, page 8433, Journal, as follows, was considered:

Amend Article X, Constitution of this Grand Lodge, by inserting after the word "motions," "and serving on committees," so that the article will read, as amended:

Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, with the power of debating and making motions and serving on committees, but shall not have the privilege of voting unless they be Grand Representatives.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed.

Pending the consideration of the motion, Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, moved that the hour of adjournment be ex-

tended until the question now pending be settled; which was not agreed to.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Grand Sire declared the Grand Lodge at recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

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3 o'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

Present: The Grand Officers and a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The consideration of the motion pending at the hour of adjournment, viz.: that the further consideration of the proposed amendment to Article X of the Constitution be indefinitely postponed, was resumed.

The question being on the motion to indefinitely postpone, it was adopted, 73 voting in the affirmative, and 43 in the negative.

The next amendment, page 8433, Journal, as follows, was considered:

Amend Article X, Constitution of this Grand Lodge, by inserting after the word "motions," "and serving on committees," so that the article will read as amended:

Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, with the power of debating and making motions, and serving on committees, but shall not have the privilege of voting unless they be Grand Representatives.

On motion of Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, the further consideration of the subject was indefinitely postponed.

The next amendment, page 8439, Journal, as follows was considered:

Resolved, That Section 2, of Article XVI of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended, so as to read as follows:

SECTION 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that members of civilized tribes of Indians, residing in the Indian Territory, to wit: Cherokees, Chickasaws, Creeks, Choctaws, and Seminoles, may be admitted into our Order.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment,

Rep. HAYNIE, of Texas, moved that Bro. J. M. HARLEY, D. D. Grand Sire, of the Indian Territory, be allowed ten minutes to speak on the question.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, raised the point of order that "the motion is not in order, and cannot be entertained," which the Chair decided was well taken.

Rep. DUNBAUGH, of Colorado, moved that the Grand Lodge take a recess for fifteen minutes, to permit Bro. J. M. HARLEY, D. D. Grand Sire, to speak concerning the pending amendment, which was agreed to.

A recess was declared, and Bro. HARLEY addressed the Grand Lodge; on the conclusion of which the session was resumed.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was not agreed to, 34 voting in the affirmative, and 69 in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the amendment, it was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Apperson, Altman, Anderson, Arndt, Bigelow, Block, Boutelle, Briggs, Brown, Campbell, Cappeller, Chamberlin, Clark, Colledge, Courtney, Cox of Indiana, Cox of Maine, Crane, Cushing, Davis of Maine, Dilks, Donogh, Dunbaugh, Elliott (2 votes), Ford of Nebraska, Ford of Washington, Foster, Furnald, Gale, Gardner, Garey, Gwinner, Halley, Harris (2 votes), Hay, Haynie (2 votes), Hazlett, Hedges, Herms, Hill of of Connecticut, Holden, Hoke, Hungerford, Hurley, Hyde, Iszard, Johnson of Rhode Island, Joslin, Jurney, Kelsey, Kenworthy, Lacy, Loeb, Mallory, McQuiddy, Morrow, Moses, Muckle, Northcraft, Perry, Petty, Poore, Price of Kansas, Read, Servoss, Shaffner, Sheppard, Slack, Sloss, Starling, Stebbins, Tourtellot, Walker, Wallick, White, Woodyatt.—79.

NAYS.—Reps. Adkison, Albin, Askew, Barker, Blanks, Boyles, Budd, Busbee, Cadle, Carlin, Cheney, Crocker, Curtis, Davis of Arkansas, Dowdall, Dye, Ewbanks, Fleming, Given, Goodwin, Graham, (2 votes), Hardie, Heeseman, Hill of Nevada, Hirsh, Jakes, Johnson of California, Jones of Maryland, Jones of North Carolina, Lake, Lamos, Lehman, McCahan, McKenzie, McKinney, Miller, Morris, Morrison, Newell, Newman, Nutt, Orendorff, Price of Missouri, Randall, (2 votes), Rawlings, Rice, Robbe, Robbins, Saul, Speice, Spencer, Stafford, Stanbery, Underwood, Vance, Voegtle, Weakley, Wheeler, Whipple.—61.

The next amendment, page 8472, Journal, as follows, was considered:

Resolved, That Section 1, of Article IX, of the Constitution be amended, so as to read as follows:

SECTION 1.—Grand Representatives shall be chosen by the several State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments for the term of four years, and shall be divided into two classes, whose seats shall be vacated biennially. If vacancies occur by death, resignation, or otherwise, during the recess of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of any State, District, or Territory, such vacancies shall be filled in the manner pointed out by the Constitution of such State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment; *Provided*, that the terms of the class whose seats will be vacated under former law, after the *annual* session of 1882, shall not expire until after the *biennial* session of 1883.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, Rep. WHEELER, of Nebraska, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the amendment, it was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Apperson, Barker, Budd, Busbee, Cadle, Capeller, Chamberlin, Cheney, Courtney, Cox of Indiana, Cox of Maine, Crocker, Cushing, Davis, of Maine, Donogh, Dowdall, Dunbaugh, Gardner, Garey, Given, Graham (2 votes), Gwinner, Hay, Hazlett, Hedges, Herms, Hill of Connecticut, Hurley, Jakes, Jones of Maryland, Jones of North Carolina, Jurney, Kenworthy, Mallory, McCahan, McQuiddy, Miller, Morris, Morrison, Morrow, Moses, Muckle, Newell, Ostrander, Pearce, Perry, Petty, Poore, Price of Missouri, Randall, Rawlings, Read, Servoss, Shaffner, Sheppard, Slack, Stanbery, Underwood, Voegtle, Weakley.—61.

NAYS.—Reps. Adkison, Albin, Anderson, Arndt, Askew, Bigelow, Blanks, Block, Boutelle, Boyles, Briggs, Brown, Campbell, Carleton, Carlin, Clark, Colledge, Crane, Curtis, Davis of Arkansas, Dilks, Dye, Elliott, Ewbanks, Farnsworth, Ford of Nebraska, Ford of Washington, Fleming, Foster, Furnald, Gale, Goodwin, Halley, Hardie, Harris (2 votes), Haynie, Heeseman, Herring, Hill of Nevada, Hirsh, Holden, Hoke, Hungerford, Hyde, Iszard, Johnson of California, Johnson of Rhode Island, Joslin, Kelsey, Lacy, Lake, Lamos, Lehman, Loeb, McKenzie, McKinney, Newman, Northcraft, Nutt, Orendorff, Price of Kansas, Rice, Robbe, Robbins, Saul, Sloss, Speice, Spencer, Stafford, Starling, Stebbins, Tourtellot, Vance, Walker, Wallick, Wheeler, Whipple, White.—79.

The next amendment, page 8473, Journal, as follows, was considered:

Amend Article XII of the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge, so that the same shall read as follows:

This Grand Lodge shall meet *biennially* on the third Monday of September, at 9 o'clock A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in

no case shall any business be transacted at any special meeting except that specified in the call of the Grand Sire.

Provided, That if at any time the Grand Lodge shall determine that the next succeeding session shall be held at any city located so far South as to render it impracticable to hold such session in the month of September, then it shall have the power to determine the time when such session shall be held.

And provided, further, That if by reason of any pestilence prevailing at or in the vicinity of the place designated for the meeting of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Sire shall deem it expedient to change either the time or place of such meeting, the Grand Sire shall have the power to call the next meeting of the Grand Lodge at such time and place not later than the first Monday of January next after the third Monday of September, as he shall deem expedient.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

Thenext amendment, page 8473, Journal, as follows, was considered:

Amend Article XIII, Section 4, so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 4.—A journal of its proceedings shall be kept, and published biennially, except such proceedings as are had in secret session.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

The next amendment, page 8473, Journal, as follows, was considered:

Amend Article XXI, so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XXI.—This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by a proposition therefor, made in writing, at a regular communication, by one or more Representatives from three different jurisdictions, which shall be entered on the Journal, and lie over until the next regular communication. At the next regular communication after being offered, such proposed alteration or amendment may be considered, and if agreed to by a three-fourths' vote of the members present, on a call of the yeas and nays, such proposed alteration or amendment shall become part of this Constitution.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, Rep. ADKISON, of Nevada, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, moved that when this Grand

Lodge adjourns at 5.30 P. M., it shall stand adjourned until 8 o'clock P. M., which was agreed to.

Rep. McCAHAN, of Maryland, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That Article XII of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

This Sovereign Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the first Monday of October, at nine o'clock A. M., at such place as the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated; *provided*, that if it shall be impracticable from the prevalence of contagious disease, or any other cause, for the annual session to be held at the place designated therefor, the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall have the power to determine at what date or place said session shall be held; or if the Sovereign Grand Lodge be not in session when such emergency occurs, such power may be exercised by the Grand Sire.

JNO. E. McCAHAN, of Maryland.
S. W. MALLORY, of Arkansas.
G. W. HURLEY, of Arkansas.
JNO. T. GIVEN, of District of Columbia.

Rep. JOHNSON, of California, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of Arizona Lodge, No. 1, Phœnix Lodge, No. 2, Pinal Lodge, No. 4, and Cochise Lodge, No. 5, of the Territory of Arizona, requesting the establishment of a Grand Lodge for said Territory, and setting forth reasons therefor, would respectfully report:

That they deem it best to grant said request, upon the terms contained in the resolution hereafter following: That the precedent for the action recommended by your committee can be found in the Journal of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, session of 1873, pages 5928 and 5929; and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Sire be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue upon the unanimous application of the Subordinate Lodges of Arizona, a Dispensation for a Grand Lodge in that Territory; *provided* that no expense for representation be incurred by this Sovereign Grand Lodge until there shall be ten Subordinate Lodges in said Territory.

Respectfully submitted,
GROVE L. JOHNSON, G. F. ROBBINS, WALTER E. CARLIN,
J. T. HOKE, JOHN J. WHIPPLE, FRANCISCO RICE,
JNO. M. JONES.

Rep. BOUTELLE, of Quebec, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Returns beg to report, that they have examined the following reports from Grand Lodges, and find them correct, viz.: The Grand Lodges of Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Quebec, Rhode Island, South Carolinia, Tennessee, Utah, (amended report,) Vermont, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

The following, correct in all other respects, are faulty as noted, viz.: The Grand Lodges of New York, North Carolina, and Ontario give no time and place of meeting.

The report from the Grand Lodge of Texas was, as sent in, faulty in this respect, but has been partly corrected.

The reports from the Grand Lodges of Washington, West Virginia, and Wyoming give list of officers of the current year, while none should be given.

The Grand Lodge of Switzerland, has its seal pasted on, instead of printed or impressed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. BOUTELLE, GEO. N. MOSES, GEO. D. LAMOS,
L. C. TOURTELLOT, JACOB LOEB, WILLIAM LACY,
IRA STANBERY.

Rep. NEWELL, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the petition of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, asking "to have refunded the amount paid for thirteen Charge Books, eight Degree Books, and fifteen Encampment Books, which have become worthless by reason of the introduction of the new work," have fully considered the same, and are of the opinion that it would be unwise to grant the prayer of the petitioners, and submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the application of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire in this case, be refused.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY L. NEWELL, CHAS. H. RANDALL, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,
JAS B. BLANKS, JOHN T. GIVEN, I. C. STAFFORD,
JNO. E. MCCAHAN, JOHN LAKE, L. GRAHAM.

Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan, would report: That said Grand Lodge, at its annual session, held February, 1879, amended its Constitution, which was properly certified under the seal of the Grand Lodge of Michigan by its Grand Secretary, E. H. WHITNEY, and sent to this Grand Lodge for its approval or rejection. By request of the entire delegation of the jurisdiction of Michigan, the committee was induced to report, asking the postponement of its consideration until the next session of this Grand Lodge (see page 8141, Journal 1879). At the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of 1880, (see page 8401,) upon motion of Rep. THOMSON, of Michigan, the further consideration of the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan

was indefinitely postponed. This was an act of injustice toward said Grand Lodge, and should not have been adopted. This Grand Lodge requires State Grand Bodies to submit their Constitutions and all amendments thereto for its approval, and they are, therefore, entitled to a respectful consideration of their Constitutions, and have them either approved or disapproved. At the session of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, in 1881, the following action was had:

"*Resolved*, That our Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby, instructed to use all honorable means to secure the approval by that Grand Body of the pending amendments to the Constitution of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Michigan."

In accordance with this action, the amended Constitution of the said Grand Lodge of 1879, has been again sent to the Sovereign Grand Lodge re-certified under its seal, and they ask that it either be approved or disapproved. Your committee have carefully examined the same, and find that it in no wise conflicts with any of the laws of this Grand Body, and, therefore, recommend that it be approved.

We, therefore, offer the following:

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan, adopted in 1879, be, and are hereby, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. CRANE, E. G. D. HOLDEN, GEORGE W. DILKS,
HERMAN BLOCK, G. W. HURLEY, GEO. W. CURTIS,
JOHN W. SAUL.

Rep. PRICE, of Kansas, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom was referred the memorial of WINFIELD S. TOMPKINS, would report:

That the memorial referred to us was presented to this Sovereign Grand Lodge, at its last session, complaining that the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, in certifying an appeal in Bro. TOMPKINS' case had failed to settle all questions of facts.

The Committee on Miscelleneous Business, at the last session of this Body, to which this same memorial was referred, reported, in substance, that the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island be instructed to comply with the request of the memorialist, which report was adopted.

Your committee are advised that the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island has since fully complied with the above instructions, and that the appeal in Bro. TOMPKINS' case has been properly certified, and has been fully and finally acted upon by the Committee on Appeals and this Sovereign Grand Lodge at its present session.

We, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. PRICE, JOHN DONOGH, THOS. H. BROWN,
D. H. WHEELER, L. D. F. POORE, JAMES T. JOSLIN,
W. S. CAPPELLER.

Rep. WHEELER, of Nebraska, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Sire's report relating to "the session at Toronto," would report:

That the duties performed by the officers of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in recognition of the attentions bestowed by our brethren and others of Ontario, and the presentation of a Grand Master's Jewel to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and the Grand Sire's report on the subject, we recommend be approved and confirmed by this Body.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL H. WHEELER, JOHN M. PRICE, THOS. H. BROWN,
JOHN DONOGH, W. S. CAPPELLER, JAMES T. JOSLIN,
L. D. F. POORE.

Rep DONOGH, of Ontario, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Secretary's report which relates to the "Library," "Pamphlets," "Bound Volumes," etc., beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to expend such an amount, from the present appropriation, as may be necessary for the binding of such pamphlets as he may deem worthy of preservation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN DONOGH, JOHN M. PRICE, THOS. H. BROWN,
L. D. F. POORE, JAMES T. JOSLIN, W. S. CAPPELLER,
DANIEL H. WHEELER.

Rep. PRICE, of Kansas, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom was referred a communication and certain resolutions of Harmony Lodge, No. 3, Sandwich Islands, on the subject of the ownership of the hall, claimed by Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, and jointly occupied by the two Lodges named, would report:

It appears that the question of ownership of the Odd Fellows' Hall in Honolulu, was definitely settled in favor of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, by this Sovereign Grand Lodge, in 1878. (See Journal, page 7849.) The questions involved were also referred to Bro. ROBERT LEWERS, D. D. G. S., in June, 1881, who decided that Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, was the absolute owner of the building and hall referred to.

Harmony Lodge, No. 3, further claims that Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, charges it a rental of twenty dollars per month, which is exorbitant, and detrimental to the interests of Odd Fellowship in that jurisdiction.

From the facts before it, your committee is of opinion that Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, is the sole and absolute owner, and has the exclusive control, of the Odd Fellows' Hall in dispute, and that the question of rent is a matter of business, to be adjusted, if possible, by the Lodges interested, and in which this Sovereign Grand Lodge cannot properly interfere.

Harmony Lodge, No. 3, in the event the Sovereign Grand Lodge refuses to reconsider its former action in the premises, asks this Body to grant it per-

mission to appeal to the several Lodges within this jurisdiction for donations, to assist that Lodge to erect a suitable building for the use of the Order generally, which request your committee recommend be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. M. PRICE, JNO. DONOGH, W. S. CAPPELLER,
THOS. H. BROWN, JAMES T. JOSLIN, DAN'L H. WHEELER,
L D. F. POORE.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The following question is propounded by the Grand Encampment of West Virginia:

"Is a Lodge or Encampment bound to pay benefits to a brother who may become blind by sickness or accident, but is otherwise in good health, the same as one who may continue sick, or is it left to Subordinate Lodges and Encampments?"

It is a well settled principle of the Order that any brother, who, by sickness or disability, is rendered incapable of following his usual occupation, or otherwise gaining a livelihood, is entitled to benefits. It would seem as though there could be no doubt but that any brother who, by sickness, has become blind, would *prima facie*, be entitled to benefits, although his bodily health in other respects might be good. The disability in such cases is almost total. A blind man is almost helpless. The occupations in which he can engage are very few, indeed, and it would be a reproach to our Order if benefits could not, *prima facie* be demanded. Of course, if such a brother has, or can reasonably obtain, an occupation whereby he can make a living, he would not be entitled to benefits. This however, cannot be presumed, but must be made to appear.

We, therefore, must emphatically say that, in our opinion, a brother who has by sickness become blind, is, *prima facie*, entitled to benefits, although in other respects his bodily health may be good.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. WHITE, L. F. MCKINNEY, C. A. ROBBE,
ALFRED SLACK, C. M. BUSBEE, JOHN G. CLARK,
C. MILLER, JOHN N. GALE.

Rep. MILLER, of New Jersey, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee, to whom was referred the communication of the M. W. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, in regard to the dramatic exhibition of the work, would most respectfully report that they have examined the letter, and if the Order is to be benefitted by the omissions, would recommend that the request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

C. MILLER, J. H. WHITE, L. F. MCKINNEY
C. M. BUSBEE, C. A. ROBBE, JOHN G. CLARK.'

Rep. HOKE, of West Virginia, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the memorial of T. B. ROBINSON, P. G., of Templar Lodge, No. 17, of California, relating to benefits, would respectfully report, that it has duly considered said memorial, and heard the evidence and arguments of counsel in favor of the memorialist. The following are the facts in regard to the case presented by the memorial:

Some time in the year 1877, T. B. ROBINSON claimed certain benefits from Templar Lodge, of which he was a member. The Lodge refused to pay the benefits, and ROBINSON appealed to the Grand Lodge of California. That Grand Body sustained the decision of the Subordinate Lodge in refusing the benefits. From that decision ROBINSON, by P. G. Rep. MILLER, took an appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and this Grand Body, September, 1878, (see Journal Grand Lodge, session of 1878, pages 7871, 7885,) affirmed the decision of the Grand Lodge of California.

At this session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, ROBINSON presents his memorial in the nature of a petition, asking this Grand Body to reopen its decision rendered at Baltimore in 1878, retry the case, and render a decision in favor of the appellant. This cannot now be done in this case. That decision, by the adjournment of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, became a final, conclusive, and binding judgment in favor of Templar Lodge, which this Grand Body at no subsequent session could set aside or annul, except in a case of gross fraud or mistake, which the appellant used due diligence and took the proper steps to have corrected. Without passing upon the merits of this case, without saying whether the decision of the Grand Lodge of California was right or wrong, and without determining whether the memorialist obtained such a record as he was entitled to from the Grand Lodge of California, your committee is of the opinion this application comes too late. For full three years the appellant has had full knowledge of all frauds or mistakes, of which he could take advantage, if there were any, and thus by his laches has lost his right to attack or reopen that decision.

That decision is now *res adjudicata* as to the specific benefits it relieved Templar Lodge from paying to the appellant ROBINSON. It is a vested right of that Lodge, which this Lodge cannot now disturb upon such a case as made by the memorialist.

The decision of this Grand Body, now opening and reversing the decision of 1878, would furnish an authority and precedent for Templar Lodge, three years hence, to file its memorial and have re-opened the decision rendered at this session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; thus indefinitely extending the time for contests and controversies, between Subordinate Lodges and their members.

Your committee, therefore, offer the following:

Resolved, That the memorial of T. B. ROBINSON, P. G., of Templar Lodge, No. 17, of California, relating to benefits, be dismised.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HOKE, G. F. ROBBINS, WALTER E. CARLIN,
FRANCISCO RICE, JOHN J. WHIPPLE, JNO. M. JONES,
GROVE L. JOHNSON.

Rep. HOKE, of West Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee, to whom was referred the memorial of T. B. ROBINSON, P. G., of Templar Lodge, No. 17, of California, having carefully examined said memorial, and the memorial of Templar Lodge in reply thereto, and heard the argument of counsel thereon, submits the following report: The facts in this case are substantially as follows:

In the year 1879, said T. B. ROBINSON was expelled from Templar Lodge, No. 17, which action was sustained by the Grand Lodge of California. The Grand Lodge of California having refused ROBINSON the right of appeal from its action in said case, this Grand Lodge, at its last session, on the memorial of said ROBINSON, entertained his appeal to the extent of directing the Grand Lodge of California "to instruct Templar Lodge, No. 17, to resume consideration of this case at the point where the reading of the testimony was commenced at the hearing before the Lodge, and if either party shall require it, re-read the testimony, or such parts as they may require, and vote upon the question of expulsion at a proper hour." (Journal S. G. L., 8381, 8475.)

This order of the Sovereign Grand Lodge was complied with, and said ROBINSON was again tried by said Lodge, and expelled therefrom, on the 13th day of July, 1881, from which action of Templar Lodge in expelling him, ROBINSON has taken an appeal to the Grand Lodge of California, and said appeal is now pending, undetermined, before that Grand Body. In view of these facts, your committee is of opinion that the Sovereign Grand Lodge has no right to entertain or consider the memorial of T. B. ROBINSON, P. G., in regard to his expulsion, until the Grand Lodge of California shall have acted upon his appeal. Therefore, without passing upon the merits of the case, as presented in said memorial, and without prejudice to the rights of the memorialist, in a proper case of appeal, your committee offers the following:

Resolved, That the memorial of T. B. ROBINSON, P. G., relating to his expulsion from Templar Lodge, No. 17, of California, be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HOKE, FRANCISCO RICE, JNO. J. WHIPPLE,
JNO. M. JONES, GROVE L. JOHNSON, G. F. ROBBINS,
WALTER E. CARLIN.

Rep. GRAHAM, of Louisiana, from the Special Committee on Obituary, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Sire's report relating to the death of members of this Grand Body, beg leave to submit the following:

Since the last annual communication of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the Angel of Death has again invaded the portals of our Order, and removed from our midst many of our most eminent and distinguished brothers, whose loss we deeply and sincerely deplore, and whose memories we will ever revere and cherish for the virtues they possessed and the distinguished services they have rendered in this Grand Lodge and to the Order at large.

Past Grand Sire GEORGE W. RACE, of Louisiana; Grand Representative JOHN F. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia; Grand Representative C. C. BATTERMAN, of Nevada; Past Grand Representatives L. A. GOBRIGHT, of the District of Columbia; LUTHER HOMES, of Louisiana; C. C. HAYDEN, of California; JOHN W. DWINELLE, of California; CHRISTOPHER DUNKIN, of Ontario; WALTON B. HARRIS, of Georgia; WILLIAM MADDEN, of New York; THOMAS P. ST. JOHN, of New York; DAVID P. WHITE, of New York; JOHN T. SANDERS, of Indiana; S. C. COCHRAN, of Mississippi; GEORGE I. DICKS, of Mississippi; R. D. HOWE, of Mississippi; WILLIAM CRUTCHER, of Mississippi; THOMAS HUGHES, of Iowa; WILLIAM C. BECKETT, of Maine; E. S. J. NEALLEY, of Maine; L. C. TILLOTSON, of Michigan; JOHN N. INGERSOLL, of Michigan; JAMES W. WROTH, of New Jersey; CHARLES THOMAS, of Ohio, and HUGH LATHAM, of Virginia, have departed from the scenes of this life. This Grand Lodge mourns and mingles its tears

with those of the Brotherhood in these several jurisdictions, for the severe affliction they have sustained in the demise of these worthy brothers.

As appropriate eulogies will doubtless be pronounced by the Representatives of their several jurisdictions, your committee deem it unnecessary, at this time, to do more than record this expression of our sorrow, and to offer our sympathy and condolence to the families of our departed brothers in this, the hour of their affliction and distress.

Respectfully submitted,

L. GRAHAM, WM. H. HILL, JNO. T. GIVEN.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Inquiry was made by the Grand Patriarch of Ohio, whether the door of the Encampment can be placed in charge of the Senior Warden, and if so by whom, the Encampment or the Chief Patriarch? And if the door can be placed in charge of the Senior Warden, to whom does the Inside Sentinel report the alarm?

The Grand Sire answered, that "the Senior Warden can be placed in charge of the door of an Encampment during regular business, but it must be done by the Chief Patriarch, and not by the Encampment, and when the door is so placed in charge of the Senior Warden, the Inside Sentinel reports to that officer." This decision is undoubtedly correct, and we recommend that it be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. H. WHITE, C. A. ROBBE, H. D. WALKER,
JOHN N. GALE, ALFRED SLACK, C. M. BUSBEE,
C. MILLER, L. F. MCKINNEY, JOHN G. CLARK.

Rep. JAKES, of Delaware, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem herewith present a tabular statement of the mileage and per diem allowed each Officer and Representative, according to the resolution adopted at the present session, and submit the following:

Resolved, That the mileage and per diem in the accompanying table to each Officer and Representive is hereby ordered to be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. JAKES, W. R. HAZLETT, WM. CHENEY,
T. O. BARKER, J. HIRSH.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAMES.	Place of Nativity.	Profession.	Town or Post Office.	State.	Miles Traveled.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
GRAND OFFICERS.									
Glenn, L. J., Grand Sire....	Georgia.....	Lawyer.....	Atlanta.....	Georgia.....	473	6	$37 85	$30 00	$67 85
Leech, E. J., Deputy G. Sire	New York..	Lawyer.....	Keokuk.....	Iowa.....	439	6	35 10	30 00	65 10
Ross, Theo. A., Ass't G. Sec	New Jersey.	Ass't. Grand Sec.	Baltimore....	Maryland...	593	6	47 45	30 00	77 45
Vansant, J., G. Treasurer...	Maryland...	City Comptroller	Baltimore....	Maryland...	593	6	47 45	30 00	77 45
Venable, J. W., G. Chaplain.	Dist. Col....	Clergyman.....	Versailles....	Kentucky...	92	6	7 35	30 00	37 35
Seymour, B., G. Marshal...	Vermont ...	Real Estate.....	Cleveland....	Ohio.....	244	6	19 50	30 00	49 50
Hornibrook, J.T., G. Guard'n	Ontario.....	Accountant	Toronto	Ontario.....	492	6	39 35	30 00	69 35
Gatch, C. H., G. Messenger.	Maryland...	G. Messenger....	Baltimore....	Maryland...	593	6	47 45	30 00	77 45
REPRESENTATIVES.									
Arndt, George G	Germany ...	Merchant.....	Silver Plume.	Colorado....	1309	6	104 70	30 00	134 70
Askew, Thomas A.....	Georgia....	Clerk.....	Savannah....	Georgia.....	766	6	61 30	30 00	91 30
Adkison, D. O.....	Indiana.....	Postmaster.....	Virginia City.	Nevada.....	2460	6	236 15	30 00	266 15
Albin, John H.....	Vermont ...	Lawyer.....	Henniker....	New Hamp.	956	6	76 50	30 00	106 50
Apperson, John T.....	Kentucky...	Farmer.....	Oregon City..	Oregon.....	3398	6	326 20	30 00	356 20
Anderson, Lindsay.....	Scotland....	Merchant.....	Providence...	Rhode Isl'd.	943	6	75 45	30 00	105 45
Altman, H.....	Germany ...	Merchant.....	Cheyenne....	Wyoming...	1302	6	104 15	30 00	134 15
Boutelle, Wm.....	Prov. Quebec	City Collector...	Sherbrooke...	Prov. Quebec	927	6	74 15	30 00	104 15
Budd, E. G.....	Penn.....	Merchant.....	Nashville....	Tennessee...	295	6	23 60	30 00	53 60
Boyles, George B.....	Tennessee...	Lawyer.....	Fayetteville..	Tennessee...	417	6	33 35	30 00	63 35
Bigelow, George H.....	Canada.....	Journalist.....	Burlington...	Vermont....	881	6	70 50	30 00	100 50
Blanks, James B	Virginia....	General Sec.....	Petersburg...	Virginia....	633	6	50 65	30 00	80 65
Brown, Thomas H.....	Wisconsin ..	Manufacturer...	Milwaukee...	Wisconsin ..	379	6	30 30	30 00	60 30
Busbee, Charles M.....	N. Carolina.	Lawyer.....	Raleigh.....	N. Carolina.	769	6	61 50	30 00	91 50
Barker, T. Orin.....	Oregon.....	Carriage Painter.	Salem	Oregon.....	3435	6	329 75	30 00	359 75

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Block, Herman	Germany	Lawyer	Davenport	Iowa	477	6	$38 15	$30 00	$68 15
Briggs, Ralph R	Illinois	Insurance	Sioux Falls	Dakota	885	6	70 80	30 00	100 80
Colledge, C. B. R	Ohio	Journalist	Washington	Dist. Col	553	6	44 25	30 00	74 25
Crocker, Wm. H	New York	Merchant	Chicago	Illinois	294	6	23 50	30 00	53 50
Carlin, Walter E	Illinois	Banker	Jerseyville	Illinois	394	6	31 50	30 00	61 50
Cox, Enoch	Indiana	Journalist	Delphi	Indiana	198	6	15 85	30 00	45 85
Cushing, Andre	Mass	Manufacturer	St. John	N. Brunsw'k	1366	6	109 30	30 00	139 30
Crane, Aaron B	New Jersey	Mechanic	Newark	New Jersey	748	6	59 85	30 00	89 85
Cappeller, W. S.	Penn	County Auditor	Cincinnati	Ohio	.....	6	.....	30 00	30 00
Campbell, C. T	Ontario	Physician	London	Ontario	377	6	30 15	30 00	60 15
Curtis, G. W	N. Carolina	Clerk of Court	Chester	S. Carolina	779	6	62 30	30 00	92 30
Carleton, Fred	England	Lawyer	Austin	Texas	1188	6	95 05	30 00	125 05
Courtney, Alfred R	Virginia	Lawyer	Richmond	Virginia	610	6	48 80	30 00	78 80
Clark, John G	Illinois	Lawyer	Lancaster	Wisconsin	550	6	44 00	30 00	74 00
Cox, Henry P	Maine	Merchant	Portland	Maine	1044	6	83 50	30 00	113 50
Chamberlin, Enos C.	Maine	Assist. P. M	Bridgeton	Maine	1084	6	86 70	30 00	116 70
Cheney, Wm	N. Hamp	Insurance Agt	Minneapolis	Minnesota	730	6	58 40	30 00	88 40
Cadle, Henry	Iowa	Lumber Dealer	Princeton	Missouri	690	6	55 20	30 00	85 20
Davis, Joshua	Maine	Grand Secretary	Portland	Maine	1044	6	83 50	30 00	113 50
Dye, Walter G	New York	Publisher	Winona	Minnesota	616	6	49 30	30 00	79 30
Dilks, George W	New Jersey	Insp. of Police	New York	New York	757	6	60 55	30 00	90 55
Dowdall, Joseph	Penn	Secretary	Columbus	Ohio	120	6	9 60	30 00	39 60
Donogh, John	Canada	Lumber Dealer	Toronto	Ontario	500	6	40 00	30 00	70 00
Davis, Wm. S	Penn	Trans'tation Agt	Little Rock	Arkansas	602	6	48 15	30 00	78 15
Dunbaugh, C. P	Ohio	Stock Grower	Greenhorn	Colorada	1273	6	101 85	30 00	131 85
Ewbanks, R. H.	Delaware	Cashier	Wilmington	Delaware	663	6	53 05	30 00	83 05
Elliott, Theo. B	New York	Lawyer	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	379	6	30 30	30 00	60 30

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Ford, J. C.	Ireland	Merchant	Lincoln	Nebraska	765	6	$61 20	$30 00	$91 20
Ford, Thomas N.	Oregon	Merchant	Olympia	Wash Ter.	3528	6	338 70	30 00	368 70
Fleming, Thomas W.	W. Virginia.	Merchant	Fairmont	W. Virginia.	322	6	25 75	30 00	55 75
Furnald, Alonzo	Mass.	Engineer	Central City.	Colorado	1294	6	103 50	30 00	133 50
Foster, Charles B.	Mass.	Manufacturer	New Haven.	Connecticut.	836	6	66 90	30 00	96 90
Farnsworth, E. D.	Connecticut.	Insurance Agt.	S. Francisco.	California	2702	6	259 40	30 00	289 40
Given, John T.	Dist. Col.	Merchant	Washington.	Dist. Col.	553	6	44 25	30 00	74 25
Goodwin, John B.	Georgia	Lawyer	Atlanta	Georgia	473	6	37 85	30 00	67 85
Graham, Louis.	Missouri	Printer	N. Orleans	Louisiana	865	6	69 20	30 00	99 20
Gwinner, Samuel F.	Penn	Lawyer	Taylorsville.	Penn	710	6	56 80	30 00	86 80
Gale, John N.	Vermont	Sup. W. Works.	St. Johnsbury	Vermont	993	6	79 45	30 00	109 45
Garey, Henry F.	Maryland	Judge	Baltimore	Maryland	593	6	47 45	30 00	77 45
Gardner, Wm. W.	Mass	Physician	Springfield	Mass	829	6	66 30	30 00	96 30
Hay, Wm. D.	Mass	Clerk	Boston	Mass.	932	6	74 55	30 00	104 55
Holden, E. G. D.	Ohio.	Att'y & Ins. Agt.	Grand Rapids	Michigan	304	6	24 30	30 00	54 30
Harris, Albert M.	New York.	Salesman	Detroit	Michigan	267	6	21 35	30 00	51 35
Hirsh, Joseph	Mississippi.	Lawyer	Vicksburg	Mississippi.	727	6	58 15	30 00	88 15
Herms, J. C.	New York.	Merchant	Neosho	Missouri	653	6	52 25	30 00	82 25
Hurley, George W.	Maryland	Merchant	Newport	Arkansas	519	6	41 50	30 00	71 50
Hill, E. J.	Connecticut.	Lumber Merch.	Norwalk	Connecticut.	804	6	64 30	30 00	94 30
Hungerford, Joel L.	Connecticut.	Printer	New Haven.	Connecticut.	836	6	66 90	30 00	96 90
Halley, S. B.	Ohio.	R. R. Auditor	Jeffersonville.	Indiana	112	6	8 95	30 00	38 95
Hardie, Thomas	Prov. Quebec	Sec. Board Educa	Dubuque	Iowa	484	6	38 70	30 00	68 70
Hedges, Henry C.	Ohio.	Lawyer	Mansfield	Ohio.	179	6	14 30	30 00	44 30
Hazlett, Wm. R.	Ohio.	Insurance	Zanesville	Ohio.	168	6	13 45	30 00	43 45
Heeseman, John	Germany	Merchant	Charleston	S. Carolina.	777	6	62 15	30 00	92 15
Herring, M. D.	Mississippi.	Lawyer.	Waco	Texas.	1165	6	93 20	30 00	123 20

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Haynie, J. A.	Tennessee.	Merchant	Waco	Texas	1165	6	$93 20	$30 00	$123 20
Hyde, Nelson C.	Vermont	Farmer	Poultney	Vermont	797	6	63 75	30 00	93 75
Hoke, J. T.	Virginia	Lawyer	Keyser	W. Virginia.	378	6	30 25	30 00	60 25
Hill, Wm. H.	Ontario	Insurance Agt.	Virginia City.	Nevada	2460	6	236 15	30 00	266 15
Iszard, Wm. H.	New Jersey.	Physician	Camden	New Jersey.	670	6	53 60	30 00	83 60
Jones, John M.	Maryland	Grand Secretary.	Baltimore	Maryland	593	6	47 45	30 00	77 45
Johnson, Wm. S.	Rhode Isl'd.	Merchant	Providence.	Rhode Island	943	6	75 45	30 00	105 45
Jones, Richard J.	N. Carolina.	Sec'y and Treas.	Wilmington.	N. Carolina.	830	6	66 40	30 00	96 40
Jurney, N. M.	N. Carolina.	Min. of Gospel.	Fremont	N. Carolina.	739	6	59 10	30 00	89 10
Johnson, Grove L.	New York.	Lawyer	Sacramento.	California	2563	6	246 00	30 00	276 00
Jakes, John T.	Delaware	Merchant	Wyoming	Delaware	714	6	57 10	30 00	87 10
Joslin, James T.	Mass.	Lawyer	Hudson	Mass.	906	6	72 50	30 00	102 50
Kelsey, S. H.	Indiana	Merchant	Atchison	Kansas	671	6	53 70	30 00	83 70
Kenworthy, John.	England	Asylum Steward.	East Portland	Oregon	3382	6	324 65	30 00	354 65
Lamos, Geo. D.	N. Hamp.	Clerk.	Dover	N. Hamp.	986	6	78 90	30 00	108 90
Lacy, Wm.	England	Insurance Agt.	Albany	New York.	720	6	57 60	30 00	87 60
Lake, John.	England	Lumber Dealer.	Rockford	Illinois	387	6	30 95	30 00	60 95
Lehman, Charles	Mississippi.	Merchant	Vicksburg	Mississippi.	727	6	58 15	30 00	88 15
Loeb, Jacob.	Germany	Merchant	Helena	Montana	2299	6	220 70	30 00	250 70
McCahan, John E.	Maryland	Teacher.	Baltimore	Maryland	593	6	47 45	30 00	77 45
Morrison, D. A.	Penn	Merchant	Rochester	Minnesota	666	6	53 30	30 00	83 30
McKenzie, John H.	Scotland	Merchant	Summit	Mississippi.	758	6	60 65	30 00	90 65
Mallory, S. W.	New York.	Lawyer	Camden	Arkansas	740	6	59 20	30 00	89 20
McQuiddy, J. W.	Kentucky	Sec. O. F. M. A. A.	Indianapolis.	Indiana	115	6	9 20	30 00	39 20
Morrow, W. W.	Indiana	Lawyer	S. Francisco.	California	2702	6	259 40	30 00	289 40
Moses, Geo. N.	Connecticut.	Sec. O. F. M. A.	New Haven.	Connecticut.	836	6	66 90	30 00	96 90
Morris, Wm. W.	New York.	Insurance Agt.	Louisville	Kentucky	110	6	8 80	30 00	38 80

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McKinney, L. F.	Ohio	Clergyman	Manchester	N. Hamp	919	6	$73 50	$30 00	$103 50
Miller, Christian	Germany	Manufacturer	Newark	New Jersey	748	6	59 85	30 00	89 85
Muckle, M. Richards	Penn	Bus. Manager	Philadelphia	Penn	667	6	53 35	30 00	83 35
Newman, Bernard	Germany	Merchant	Council Bluffs	Iowa	784	6	62 70	30 00	92 70
Northcraft, J. G.	Kentucky	Pharmacist	Abilene	Kansas	786	6	62 90	30 00	92 90
Newell, H. L.	Kentucky	Printer	Maysville	Kentucky	130	6	10 40	30 00	40 40
Nutt, Wm. N.	New Jersey	Clerk	Trenton	New Jersey	700	6	56 00	30 00	86 00
Ostrander, Jas. W	New York	Manufacturer	Jefferson	Wisconsin	411	6	32 90	30 00	62 90
Orendorff, Alfred	Illinois	Lawyer	Springfield	Illinois	305	6	24 40	30 00	54 40
Palmer, Chas. H	Michigan	Merchant	Jackson	Michigan	276	6	22 10	30 00	52 10
Price, Jas. A	Virginia	Dentist	Weston	Missouri	655	6	52 40	30 00	82 40
Poore, L. D. F.	New York	Lawyer and Ed.	Watertown	Dakota	928	6	74 25	30 00	104 25
Petty, J. Thomas	Virginia	Bookkeeper	Washington	Dist. Col.	553	6	44 25	30 00	74 25
Pearce, Chas. C.	Florida	Farmer	Tallahassee	Florida	920	6	73 60	30 00	103 60
Price, John M	Kentucky	Lawyer	Atchison	Kansas	671	6	53 70	30 00	83 70
Perry, J. Ham	Canada	Register	Whitby	Ontario	530	6	42 40	30 00	72 40
Pringle, John	Scotland	Merchant Tailor	Pictou	Nova Scotia	1554	6	149 20	30 00	179 20
Robbins, Gilbert F.	Rhode Isl'd	Merchant	Providence	Rhode Island	943	6	75 45	30 00	105 45
Ricks, Adolph G.	Germany	Merchant	N. Orleans	Louisiana	865	6	69 20	30 00	99 20
Robbe, Charles A.	N. Hamp	Manufacturer	Augusta	Georgia	644	6	51 50	30 00	81 50
Rice, Francisco	Alabama	Physician	New Market	Alabama	421	6	33 70	30 00	63 70
Randall, Charles H.	Rhode Isl'd	Editor	Sonora	California	2678	6	257 10	30 00	287 10
Read, John	Maine	Civil Engineer	Lewiston	Maine	1077	6	86 15	30 00	116 15
Rawlings, Chas. H.	Maryland	Bookbinder	Baltimore	Maryland	593	6	47 45	30 00	77 45
Servoss, Jas. M.	New York	Miller	Bay City	Michigan	373	6	29 85	30 00	59 85
Stanbery, Ira	Penn	Merchant	St. Louis	Missouri	340	6	27 20	30 00	57 20
Speice, Chas. A.	Penn	Lawyer	Columbus	Nebraska	809	6	64 70	30 00	94 70

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Spencer, Ed. H.	Penn	Carriage Maker.	Wilmington.	Delaware	663	6	$53 05	$30 00	$83 05
Shaffner, Tal. P.	Virginia	Lawyer	Louisville	Kentucky	110	6	8 80	30 00	38 80
Stafford, I. C.	Louisiana	Merchant	Houston	Texas	1160	6	92 80	30 00	122 80
Saul, John W.	N. Hamp	Carriage Maker.	Concord	N. Hamp	936	6	74 90	30 00	104 90
Stebbins, John W.	New York.	Lawyer	Rochester	New York.	496	6	39 70	30 00	69 70
Starling, M. W.	Ohio	Clerk	Carson City.	Nevada	2439	6	233 65	30 00	263 65
Sheppard, Isaac A.	New Jersey.	Manufacturer	Philadelphia.	Penn	667	6	53 35	30 00	83 35
Sloss, Jos. H.	Alabama	Lawyer	Huntsville	Alabama	421	6	33 70	30 00	63 70
Shields, Wm. A.	New York.	Printer	Mobile	Alabama.	780	6	62 40	30 00	92 40
Slack, Alfred.	England	Lumber Merch.	Allegh'y City	Penn	313	6	25 05	30 00	55 05
Tourtellot, L. C.	Mass.	Manufacturer	Woonsocket.	Rhode Island	954	6	76 35	30 00	106 35
Underwood, John C.	Dist. Col.	Civil Engineer.	Bowl'g Green	Kentucky	224	6	17 90	30 00	47 90
Vance, John C.	W. Virginia.	Cashier of Bank.	Clarksburg.	W. Virginia.	273	6	21 85	30 00	51 85
Voegtle, Joseph	Germany	Clerk	N. Orleans	Louisiana	865	6	69 20	30 00	99 20
Whipple, John J.	Mass	Druggist	Brockton	Mass	950	6	76 00	30 00	106 00
Wheeler, Daniel H.	Michigan	Att'y & R. E. Agt	Plattsmouth.	Nebraska	710	6	56 80	30 00	86 80
Wallick, John F.	Penn	Supt. W. U. Tel. C.	Indianapolis.	Indiana	115	6	9 20	30 00	39 20
Walker, H. D.	Penn	Mechanic	Mt. Pleasant.	Iowa	529	6	42 30	30 00	72 30
White, John H.	New York.	Lawyer	Albion	New York.	496	6	39 70	30 00	69 70
Woodyatt, Jas.	England	City Clerk	Brantford	Ontario	426	6	34 10	30 00	64 10
Weakley, Jos. L.	Tennessee.	Merchant	Nashville	Tennessee.	295	6	23 60	30 00	53 60
Total					125,252	912	$10,589 25	$4,560 00	$15,149 25

Rep. JAKES, of Delaware, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee beg leave to submit the following as a supplementary report, in accordance with the resolution of Rep. WHITE, of New York, to pay the following members, being Sub-Committee on Revision: JAMES B. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire; JAMES P. SANDERS, P. G. Sire; JOHN W. STOKES, P. G. Sire.

Resolved, That the mileage and per diem be paid as above ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. JAKES, WM. CHENEY, J. HIRSH,
T. O. BARKER, W. R. HAZLETT.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON REVISION.	Miles.	Days.	Pr Diem	Mileage.	Total.
James B. Nicholson, Philadelphia, Pa....	667	6	$30 00	$53 35	$83 35
James P. Sanders, Yonkers, N. Y.....	772	6	30 00	61 75	91 75
John W. Stokes, Philadelphia, Pa.....	667	6	30 00	53 35	83 35
	2,106	18	$90 00	$168 45	$258 45

Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, moved that the Grand Lodge now proceed to consider the reports of committees as they appear on the Journal.

Rep. DYE, of Minnesota, moved to amend by adding "after the consideration of the resolutions, pages 8452 and 8453, Journal of 1880, submitted by the Special Committee on Dues and Benefits," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. JOHNSON, it was adopted.

The first report, page 8648, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of J. H. SCHRYVER, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was considered.

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, moved to recommit the report, with instructions to the Committee on Appeals to strike out all after the word "find," last line on page 8648, and insert the following:

"That while the evidence is conflicting, the Subordinate Lodge has found, from all the evidence before it, this issue for the Lodge, and against the appellant. This finding the Grand Lodge of Ohio has not disturbed, and this Body should not, for reasons following; among others:

"1. It is good law always, both in the civil courts and the highest judicial tribunal of the Order, not to reverse a judgment when the evidence is only conflicting.

"2. The sufficiency of the evidence was a question for the Subordinate Lodge, acting as a jury. The Grand Lodge of Ohio has not undertaken to, nor should this Body reverse, unless it should appear from the whole record that there was not any evidence to sustain the charge. If the evidence preponderates, it is sufficient to uphold the finding of the Subordinate Lodge.

"3. The record discloses that the evidence of eight physicians was before the Lodge, two of whom made a thorough examination of the appellant, at or near the time of the presentation of the charges and specifications; they applied all the approved *medical tests*, and their testimony is clear, explicit, and affirmative that the appellant must have *simulated* his alleged physical and mental disability, and as such medical experts, they declared their professional opinion and judgment to be that the appellant was mentally and physically able to perform at least moderate labor, as a teacher, a clerk, or a book-keeper.

"Of the other six, the testimony of Dr. McMillen and Dr. McClintock, each shows that they had no actual knowledge of the condition of Bro. Schryver on or about the 15th of June, 1880, or for six months prior thereto; but when they each did examine the appellant, the tests applied by them were superficial, and largely based upon the declaration of the appellant himself. Dr. Williams also testifies, that he did not test his sensation or muscular force at all, or mental capacity, and Dr. Sharp says, that he does not know as he even saw the appellant for a year prior to the presentation of the charges, much less did he apply any ordinary medical tests. Dr. Pratt only testifies to a sickness in 1876–8, while Dr. Meesie says that a man afflicted with hemiplegia so severe as to lose two-thirds to three-fifths of muscular power could not do the things done by Schryver. But little weight should be given to medical opinions, based on insufficient examination, or false hypotheses.

"Again, the record discloses physical acts of the appellant, proven to have been done and performed by him, which are wholly inconsistent with his alleged disability; such as walking upright, and with good step, a distance of twenty-five to forty yards; getting down on his knees, and with his right hand pulling grass vigorously; holding in his left hand a shingle lath higher than his head, and with a hatchet in his right hand driving a nail with full blows through it into a studding; with a hatchet in his right hand cutting a bundle of brush, placing the same under his left arm; cane and crutch carried in his right hand, clear of the ground; walking up a steep embankment six to eight feet high, then stepping over a plank and walking on a further distance, without, in either case, any assistance from person or thing.

"These acts are affirmatively proven, as appear from the record. The witnessess, other than the medical men, offered by the appellant, and testifying, only *prove a negative.*

"It appearing that the Subordinate Lodge weighed and passed upon all this testimony, the District Grand Committee did the same, and the Grand Lodge of Ohio a third time. Each and all of these tribunals, in the capacity of jury and Judge, determined the case from the weight of testimony against the appellant. This Body should, and does hereby, affirm their judgment; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That said appeal be not sustained, but dismissed."

The question being on the motion to recommit the report, Rep. Busbee, of North Carolina, moved that the time of adjournment be extended thirty minutes, which was agreed to.

Pending the consideration of the motion of Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, the hour of adjournment arrived, and the Grand Sire declared the Lodge at recess until 8 o'clock this evening.

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8 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

Present: The Grand Officers and a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The question pending at the time of adjournment, viz.: the motion of Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, that the report of the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of J. H SCHRYVER, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, be recommitted with instructions, was further considered.

Rep. VOEGTLE, of Louisiana, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the motion of Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the report of the committee, it was adopted.

Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, moved to reconsider the vote by which the report was adopted.

Rep. BOYLES, of Tennessee, moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which was adopted.

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, presented, on behalf of Noah's Dove Lodge, No. 20, Newport, Kentucky, a white dove encircled by a horseshoe of flowers, to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Rep. ORENDORFF, of Illinois, moved the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the beautiful floral offering presented by Grand Representative MORRIS, on behalf of Noah's Dove Lodge, No. 20, of Newport, Kentucky, be accepted by this Grand Lodge with fraternal thanks, and that we assure the donors that this perishable memento has enkindled in our hearts sentiments of imperishable regard.

On motion of Rep. McCAHAN, of Maryland, the Grand Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

On motion of Rep. McCAHAN, of Maryland, Past Grand Representatives were permitted to be present at the secret session.

After some time passed in secret session, the ordinary business session was resumed, when

Rep. Cox, of Maine, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the resolutions offered by Reps. COLLEDGE and PETTY, of the District of Columbia, to be found on pages 8633 and 8634, Journal, have carefully examined the matter, and submit the following report:

An examination of this case discloses the fact, that the adoption of the resolutions asked for would effect an entire reversal of all forms for processions, as now laid down; and while your committee believe *some* change should be made, we are of the opinion that the legislation asked for is inexpedient, and would leave the matter in no better condition than it is at the present time. We, therefore, offer the following:

Resolved, That this committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject, and that it be referred to a special committee, to report at the next session a revision of forms for processions.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. COX, JAMES A. PRICE, E. J. HILL,
RALPH R. BRIGGS, CHAS. A. SPEICE.

Rep. HAY, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee, to whom was referred the matter introduced by Rep. HILL, of Nevada, page 8636, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, submitted by Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, page 8693, Journal, would respectfully submit the following:

That in the opinion of your committee, the present legislation upon the subjects named is sufficiently comprehensive, and well adapted to the wants of a great majority of the Order, and that it would, therefore, not be wise, at this session, to recommend any change in the laws upon this subject.

They would therefore ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. D. HAY, JOSHUA DAVIS, B. NEWMAN,
S. B. HALLEY, H. ALTMAN, J. T. APPERSON.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved the following,

which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah be directed to report upon the expediency of prescribing a suitable badge of distinction, to be worn by sisters of the Degree of Rebekah who have filled the Chair of Noble Grand in a Lodge of said Degree.

Rep. SERVOSS, of Michigan, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Printing Supplies:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be, and are hereby, directed to cause the ceremony of Installation for Rebekah Degree Lodges to be bound in the same book with the Ritual of that Degree.

On motion of Rep. HERRING, of Texas, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, September 23, 1881—9 o'clock A. M.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge assembled, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

LUTHER J. GLENN	Grand Sire.
ERIE J. LEECH	Deputy Grand Sire.
JOSHUA VANSANT	Grand Treasurer.
THEODORE A. ROSS	Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE	Grand Chaplain.
BELDEN SEYMOUR	Grand Marshal.
J. T. HORNIBROOK	Grand Guardian.
CHARLES H. GATCH	Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON	Pennsylvania.
ISAAC M. VEITCH	Missouri.
JAMES P. SANDERS	New York.
JOHN W. STOKES	Pennsylvania.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, Grand Chaplain.

By order of the Grand Sire, the Deputy Grand Sire de-

clared the Sovereign Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On motion of Rep. DYE, of Minnesota, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

The jurisdictions were called, when

Rep. MALLORY, of Arkansas, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That during the remainder of this session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, no member will be allowed to speak more than fifteen minutes on any one question.

Rep. MOSES, of Connecticut, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That, after this morning session, no new business shall be introduced, except by unanimous consent.

Rep. GOODWIN, of Georgia, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the addresses of welcome of Lieutenant-Governor HICKENLOOPER, on behalf of the State of Ohio; of Hon. BENJAMIN EGGLESTON, on behalf of the City of Cincinnati; of Grand Master HAZLETT, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Ohio; and the responsive address of Grand Sire GLENN, on behalf of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be obtained and published in the appendix to the Revised Journal of the proceedings of this Body.

Rep. GRAHAM, of Louisiana, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Reps. PRICE, and CADLE, of Missouri, submitted the following:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

At the annual session of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, held in May last, the following preamble and resolutions, presented by Past Grand Sire VEITCH, were adopted, and, in accordance with the instructions of the last resolution, are hereby presented to the Sovereign Grand Lodge:

"WHEREAS, The Sovereign Grand Lodge has sent down to the State Grand Bodies and their Subordinates, an elaborate report on the subject of dues and benefits based upon the experience of the Order, as collated by the able committee appointed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge for that purpose, and has recommended the State Grand Bodies to legislate for their Subordinates on the subject, and define the rates of dues and benefits; and,

"WHEREAS, The Sovereign Grand Lodge is to consider, at its next session, the proposed scale of dues and benefits as prescribed by its committee, with the view of establishing a uniform system throughout the Order; and,

"WHEREAS, The subject of dues and benefits is a question of the most vital interest to the Order at large, and eminently the most important one

that can affect the welfare, usefulness, and stability of Odd Fellowship as a beneficial organization, and, therefore, no time should be lost in adopting and putting in practice an equitable scale of dues and benefits; and,

"WHEREAS, It is obvious that this cannot be done, except by and through the prerogatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as expressed by the very terms of its Constitution as the supreme head of the Order, 'to enact all laws of general application to the Order,' and its large and general powers and duties of supervision over its Subordinates, for the furtherance of the principles of the Order, that faithful obedience of its membership to the benevolent and beneficial objects of Odd Fellowship may be secured; therefore, be it

"1. *Resolved*, By the Grand Lodge of Missouri, in annual session assembled, that the special need of the Order at this time is a uniform system of dues and benefits, predicated upon the experience of the Order as gathered from the vital statistics of the entire Order for several years past, so that every Lodge should meet its liabilities by adequate payment from its members.

"2. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, that the Sovereign Grand Lodge is not only competent to establish and put in practical operation an equitable and uniform system of dues and benefits, but that the exigencies of the Order unmistakably require that it should be done without further delay, by such enactments as may seem to the Sovereign Grand Lodge wise and judicious.

"3. *Resolved*, That a copy of this preamble and resolutions be transmitted to each Grand Lodge of the Order, and also presented to the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its next session, by our Grand Representatives, and they be, and are hereby, requested to advocate and vote for a uniform system of dues and benefits in that Body."

JAS. A. PRICE. HENRY CADLE,
Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

On motion of Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, the subject was referred to a special committee of three.

The Chair named the committee as follows:

Reps. CAMPBELL, of Ontario; SHAFFNER, of Kentucky; SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania.

On motion of Rep. CAMPBELL, of Ontario, the report of the Special Committee on Dues and Benefits, submitted at session of 1880, pages 8442 to 8453, Journal, was referred to the Special Committee just appointed.

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Sovereign Grand Lodge most gratefully acknowledges the kindness and generous welcome of the Odd Fellows of Cincinnati, and of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and feels especially under obligations to the Local Committee of Arrangements for their constant and fraternal attention.

Also the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Revision Committee are entitled to the lasting gratitude of this Grand Body, for their faithful and efficient services in preparing, superintending, and consummating the present revision of the secret work of our Order.

Also the following:

Resolved, That a full set of the bound revised Journals be furnished by the Grand Secretary to each and every member of this Grand Body who has not heretofore received the same, including the Journal of the present session; and that the sum of $600, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to secure the object of this resolution.

Rep. ADKISON, of Nevada, moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. WHEELER, of Nebraska, moved to lay the motion to refer on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to refer, it was not adopted.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. HERRING, it was adopted.

Rep COURTNEY, of Virginia, moved the following, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Resolved, That the adoption of a report of the Committee on Appeals is simply an approval by this Grand Lodge of the conclusion of the committee in the particular case reported upon, and does not commit this Body to any statements of the laws of the Order which may be contained in the body of the report. And when the conclusion arrived at by the Committee on Appeals is embodied in a resolution, the adoption of the report amounts, in its legal effect, to the adoption of said resolution and nothing more, unless otherwise stipulated in the motion to adopt.

Rep. ORENDORFF, of Illinois, moved the following, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Resolved, That Article XXVIII, Section 1, of the By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be amended so as to read as follows:

SECTION 1.—There shall be appointed at each annual session, immediately before the final adjournment, a Committee on Printing Supplies, to consist of five members, including the Assistant Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer.

Rep. BIGELOW, of Vermont, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That Article X of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended by inserting after the word "motions," "and serving on committees relating to the work of the Order," so that the Article will read, as amended:

Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, with the power of debating and making motions and serving on committees relating to the work of the Order; but shall not have the privilege of voting, unless they be Grand Representatives.

GEO. H. BIGELOW, of Vermont. JAS. B. BLANKS, of Virginia.
S. H. KELSEY, of Kansas. J. A. HAYNIE, of Texas.
J. H. WHITE, of New York.

Rep. CLARK, of Wisconsin, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as follows, viz.: By adding to said Section 2 the following words:

Provided, That the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of any State, District, or Territory may consolidate into one Grand Body within such jurisdiction, with such constitutional powers and privileges as may be approved by this Grand Body, from time to time, in which case such consolidated Body shall have the same number of Representatives as would have been allowed to both of said Grand Bodies if no consolidation had been made.

JOHN G. CLARK, of Wisconsin. T. B. ELLIOTT, of Wisconsin.
GEO. N. MOSES, of Connecticut. E. J. HILL, of Connecticut.
WM. W. MORROW, of California.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That Article XII of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

The Sovereign Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the second Monday of December, at nine o'clock A. M., at such place as the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated; *provided*, that if it shall be impracticable, from the prevalence of contagious disease, or any other cause, for the annual session to be held at the place designated therefor, the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall have the power to determine at what date or place said session shall be held; or, if the Sovereign Grand Lodge be not in session when such emergency occurs, such power may be exercised by the Grand Sire.

HENRY F. GAREY, of Maryland. C. C. PEARCE, of Florida.
J. A. HAYNIE, of Texas. C. A. ROBBE, of Georgia.

Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend Article XII of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, so that the same shall read as follows:

ARTICLE XII. This Sovereign Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the first Monday of May, at nine o'clock A. M., at such place as the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall, from time to time, determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated; *provided*, that if it shall be impracticable, from the prevalence of contagious disease, or any other cause, for the annual session to be held at the place designated therefor, the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall have the power to determine at what date or place said session shall be held; or, if the

Sovereign Grand Lodge be not in session when such emergency occurs, such power may be exercised by the Grand Sire.

FRED. CARLETON, of Texas. I. C. STAFFORD, of Texas.
JACOB LOEB, of Montana. JOHN E. MCCAHAN, of Maryland.
C. C. PEARCE, of Florida.

Rep. HILL, of Nevada, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend Section 2, Article IX, of the Constitution, so as to read as follows: Grand Representatives shall be apportioned as follows, viz.: To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, having under its jurisdiction ten thousand or less members in good stranding, one Grand Representative; to every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, having under its jurisdiction over ten thousand members in good standing, two Grand Representatives; and no State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have over two Grand Representatives.

WM. H. HILL, of Nevada. T. O. BARKER, of Oregon.
C. P. DUNBAUGH, of Colorado. JOHN LAKE, of Illinois.

Rep. HAYNIE, of Texas, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That Section 2 of Article XVI of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended so as to read as follows:

SECTION 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided*, *however*, that members of civilized tribes of Indians, residing in the Indian Territory, to wit: Cherokees, Chickasaws, Creeks, Choctaws, and Seminoles, may be admitted into our Order.

J. A. HAYNIE, of Texas. J. W. STEBBINS, of New York.
JAMES WOODYATT, of Ontario. G. W. HURLEY, of Arkansas.
C. P. DUNBAUGH, of Colorado. GEORGE H. BIGELOW, of Vermont
HENRY C. HEDGES, of Ohio. TAL. P. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky.
SAM'L F. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania.

Rep FOSTER, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Correspondence, to whom was referred the "General Correspondence" of the Grand Secretary, respectfully report that they have examined the same, and find nothing in connection therewith requiring the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. FOSTER, JOSEPH DOWDALL, WM. S. DAVIS,
J. G. NORTHCRAFT, CHAS. H. PALMER, WILLIAM N. NUTT.

Rep. RAWLINGS, of Maryland, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, beg leave to report, that all the Grand Bodies under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge are represented, except the following, viz.: the Grand Lodges of British Columbia, Chile, Switzerland, and Utah, and the Grand Encampment of Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. RAWLINGS, J. T. PETTY, T. N. FORD,
THOS. W. FLEMING, A. G. RICKS, D. A. MORRISON,
J. H. MCKENZIE.

Rep. BLOCK, of Iowa, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the Constitutions of Pima Lodge, No. 3, of Arizona, and amendments to the Constitution of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, of New Mexico; also the Constitution of Port La Joie Encampment, No. 13, Lower Provinces, beg leave to report that, whereas this R. W. Grand Body has, at the present session, enacted and adopted a uniform Constitution for the Lodges and Encampments under its immediate jurisdiction, the committee report back to the Sovereign Grand Lodge the documents aforesaid, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN BLOCK, A. B. CRANE, GEO. W. CURTIS,
JOHN W. SAUL, E. G. D. HOLDEN, GEORGE W. DILKS,
G. W. HURLEY.

Rep. HAY, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, would most respectfully submit the following report:

Your committee find that the subject of appropriate jewels for Officers and Past Officers of Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah, seems to require proper regulation by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

They, therefore, recommend that this committee be allowed to report upon the subject of jewels for Officers of Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah, at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. D. HAY, J. T. APPERSON, B. NEWMAN,
S. B. HALLEY, J. A. HAYNIE, H. ALTMAN,
JOSHUA DAVIS.

Rep. HAYNIE, of Texas, from the same committee, made the following minority report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. HILL, of Nevada, to wit: that all brothers in good standing who are in possession of

the A. P. W., be allowed the privilege of visiting Rebekah Degree Lodges, would recommend that the same be allowed and sanctioned by this Grand Body, and also the same privilege as asked by instruction by the Grand Lodge of Ohio through her Representatives, and that all laws heretofore passed requiring Grand Masters to make a semi-annual P. W. be, and are hereby, repealed, and the following resolution is recommended for your approval:

Resolved, That jurisdictions under this Sovereign Grand Lodge may or may not have a semi-annual P. W., as the Grand Lodge of each jurisdiction may determine.

Respectfully submitted, J. A. HAYNIE.

Rep. BIGELOW, of Vermont, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Legislative Committee, to whom were referred the preamble and resolution of Rep. BUDD, of Tennessee, requesting them to consider the propriety of presenting to this Grand Lodge some legislation looking to the adoption of an endowment plan, general in its character, to be under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, beg leave to report, that while expressing no opinion as regards the endowment plan, they deem it entirely impracticable to prepare, at this session, such a measure as would command the approval of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; and would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. BIGELOW, HENRY F. GAREY, ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,
J. B. GOODWIN, FRED. CARLETON, JOS. H. SLOSS,
ALBERT M. HARRIS, J. W. STEBBINS.

Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom sundry amendments to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana were referred, would report, that they have examined the same, and recommend that they be approved. We offer the following:

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution of the above named Grand Lodge be, and are hereby, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. CRANE, JOHN W. SAUL, GEO. W. CURTIS,
E. G. D. HOLDEN, G. W. HURLEY, GEO. W. DILKS,
HERMAN BLOCK.

Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom so much of the annual report of the Grand Secretary and accompanying documents relating to

foreign jurisdictions was referred, report herewith, that they have perused the voluminous correspondence submitted to them by the Grand Secretary, consisting of letters and reports from the jurisdictions of Australasia, Barbados, Chile, Denmark, Germany, Great Britain, Netherlands, Peru, Sandwich Islands and Switzerland, some of which they found exceedingly interesting, brief abstracts from which will repay the Representatives for a careful perusal, and will be found in the printed annual report of the Grand Secretary, on pages 8565 to 8574, inclusive, and page 8581. The correspondence from Barbados expresses the "*hope that something will be done about the color question, as I fear that, if not, Americus Lodge will not exist much longer.*" Again, from the Sandwich Islands comes an expression on the same subject in the words: "*I trust the Lodges will continue to add to their numbers; but we are laboring under many disadvantages in this jurisdiction on account of the color question.*" And then again they say, "*I trust at the next session the Grand Lodge will grant this jurisdiction the right to admit our half-castes and natives to membership, we being the judges as to qualification.*" On all the subjects contained in the correspondence there was nothing discovered requiring action or attention on the part of your committee, or of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, except the one relating to the admission to membership in our Order, of persons other than *free white males*, as already expressed.

The correspondence from the British West India Islands, continued through the year past, abounds in representations of the difficulties of extending the Order there, in consequence of our Constitutional color restriction, and forcibly urges that, in view of the constitution of society there, this Sovereign Grand Lodge will take some action for their relief as necessary to the continuance of its jurisdiction there. These sentiments are very fully expressed in a petition from Americus Lodge, No. 1, of Bridgetown, Bardados, to this Sovereign Grand Lodge, which is hereto attached as a part of this report; and your committee hereby recommend the prayer of said petition to the serious consideration of this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, NELSON C. HYDE, J. L. WEAKLEY,
EDWARD H. SPENCER, JNO. W. MCQUIDDY, CL. T. CAMPBELL,
ANDRE CUSHING.

AMERICUS LODGE, No. 1, I. O. O. F.,
BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS, W. I., August 9, 1881.

To the Right Worthy Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows—GREETING:

The humble petition of Americus Lodge, No. 1, showeth:

That by the Constitution of the R. W. Sovereign Grand Lodge it is declared that none other than "free white males" are eligible for membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and your memorialists most respectfully beg to direct the attention of your R. W. Body to the fact that this distinction is not in keeping with the avowed principles of our noble Order, as expressed in the Ritual employed during the solemn ceremony of initiation, and which teaches us that Odd Fellowship is founded upon that eternal principle which recognizes man as "a constituent of one universal brotherhood," that "he came from the hands of a common parent," and "to recognize each other alike as the offspring of the same parent."

That in the sublime teachings of our beloved Order we are further reminded of the sacred truth that "God hath made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the face of the earth;" and these examples are held up to us for inculcation in our relations with our fellow-men; whilst the practice of restricting the membership in our Order to persons of the Caucasian race only, is in direct opposition to, and subversive of, the principles alleged.

That whilst recognizing the utility of placing some restriction on the qualifications for membership, your memorialists humbly submit that such

should only obtain as regards the moral and social standing of a candidate, and not a race disqualification. More especially, looking to the fact that amongst all civilized communities and the nations of the world, all rights of citizenship and other privileges, are unequivocally conferred upon and enjoyed by all men, irrespective of class, creed, or color.

That the time has arrived when all such petty distinctions should be wiped away, and that in a country boasting "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity" as its watchword, your memorialists cannot but feel that the restriction imposed by your R. W. Body against the admission of members of a race other than "free whites" into our Order, is inconsistent with such laudable professions, and is, moreover, opposed to the enlightened and tolerant spirit which has always characterized and influenced the actions of a nation foremost in civilization—the Republic of the United States of America.

That the condition of West Indian society differs widely from that of the United States of America or any European country, as owing to the manner in which these parts have been populated, an admixture of the races has been the result, and we claim amongst the best members of society, "men of color," whose position, influence, and general bearing in every walk of life, have been worthy of imitation, and have won for them the admiration, respect, esteem and good-will of all persons in the community. All offices of emolument and trust, whether private or public, have been indiscriminately thrown open and conferred upon them, and in the discharge of these functions they have merited and received universal approbation—proving the wisdom which influenced the removal of such a barrier as a "color disqualification." So good, universal and sincere has been, and still is this feeling, that intermarriages have been of frequent occurrence between the races, and thus has society become so welded that it is a difficult task to discriminate between those, and a delicate position to define, who shall or shall not be eligible for membership.

Suffering under this drawback, your memorialists respectfully beg to point out that the progress of the Order in these parts is seriously impeded, and its existence imperilled, and Americus Lodge is specially the recipient of the odium which necessarily, and justly too, attaches to her in enforcing the conditions of your Constitution under the circumstances detailed.

That out of a membership of forty (40), your memorialists submit that there are now only sixteen (16) members who are good on the books of this Lodge; the others having ceased to frequent the Lodge meetings, and allege as the cause of their retiring from the Order, the inconsistency of being members of an Order in which they are restricted from introducing their friends—and in many instances their immediate relatives.

That applications have been made from some of the neighboring colonies with respect to the establishment of the Order at such places, but in view of the restriction already referred to, the extension of the Order could not be effected.

That your memorialists are so forcibly impressed that, owing to these circumstances, the Order cannot make any progress in the West Indies, and that Americus Lodge must eventually cease to exist if the restriction be not removed, that they venture to approach your Right Worthy Body and place before you these facts, and ask that the Right Worthy Sovereign Grand Lodge, in Grand Lodge assembled, will take into serious consideration the grave consequences resulting to the Order in Barbados, and the West Indies generally, should the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in this particular remain unaltered; and respectfully ask that if your R. W. Body do not see the advisability of entirely removing the disability under which candidates for membership are under, irrespective of locality or place, that the R. W. Sovereign Grand Lodge will make special concessions to Barbados and the other West Indian colonies—including British and Dutch Guiana—by providing that Lodges in these parts shall be permitted to accept as members such persons as they may deem fit, the qualification as to age and color

to be left to local option of the Lodge or Lodges, whether Subordinate or Grand, which your memorialists are confident will lead not only to an immediate increase of the membership of Americus Lodge, but an extension of the Order to the neighboring colonies.

All of which is respectfully submitted in Friendship, Love and Truth, on behalf of Americus Lodge, No. 1, by

MARK WILSON, *Noble Grand.*
N. B. FITZPATRICK, *Vice Grand.*
E. ISAAC BAEZA, *P. G., Secretary.*

Rep. POORE, of Dakota, moved the following :

WHEREAS, It has been the practice in the past sessions of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, as shown by the records, that brothers not members thereof, as defined by Article II of the Constitution, have been placed on committees to the exclusion of regular members qualified to serve thereon; and,

WHEREAS, This Sovereign Grand Lodge has voted mileage and per diem to said brothers so serving on committees as aforesaid; therefore,

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be, and they are hereby, requested to examine and report upon the legality of such action as considered in connection with the provisions of the Constitution of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, and especially with Articles II and XVII thereof.

On motion of Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, the subject was laid on the table.

On motion of Rep. JAKES, of Delaware, the Lodge agreed to consider the reports of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.

The first report, page 8379, appropriating mileage and per diem to Officers and Representatives, in accordance with the table submitted, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. MALLORY, of Arkansas, moved the following, which was not adopted :

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be recommitted to the committee, with instructions to report back the Arkansas delegation the number of miles reported by them in their personal report, and make any other corrections brought to their notice.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The supplementary report, page 8746, from the same committee, appropriating, as directed by the Grand Lodge, mileage and per diem to the members of the Sub-Committee on Revision, who are not Representatives, was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. WHEELER, of Nebraska, the Lodge agreed to consider the reports of committees as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 8650, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of ANNIE RYDER from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8651, from the same committee, on the appeal of GEO. E. EMMONS, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. PETTY, of the District of Columbia, moved to amend the report by striking out from the last line the word "sustained," and inserting "dismissed," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report of the committee, it was adopted.

The next report, page 8652, from the same committee, on the appeal of Leavenworth Lodge, No. 2, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, submitting forms of Constitutions for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8679, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, stating the transactions of the committee during the year, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8681, from the Legislative Committee, on the proposed amendment to Article XXII, By-Laws, submitted by Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. COX, of Indiana, moved to amend as follows:

Resolved, That after the word "scarlet," in the fourth line of the second paragraph of the proposed amendment to the By-Laws, there be inserted the words, "Initiatory Degree; a plain White Collar;" and that the last clause of the paragraph, viz.: "Plain White Apron for Initiatory Degree," be stricken out.

Which was accepted by the committee.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report,

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved to amend the third paragraph of the proposed amendment, by striking out the first and second sentences, from the words, "The Noble Grand" to the words "scarlet color" inclusive, and inserting:

The Noble Grand, Secretary and Treasurer shall each wear a scarlet collar trimmed with white or silver; the Vice Grand a blue collar trimmed in like manner; Supporters of the Noble Grand and Vice Grand shall wear sashes of the color of those Officers respectively.

The question being on the amendment,

Rep. ASKEW, of Georgia, moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until 3 o'clock P. M.

Rep. JURNEY, of North Carolina, moved that the subject lie on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. ASKEW, of Georgia, that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until 3 o'clock P. M., it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. STEBBINS, of New York,

Rep. Cox, of Indiana, moved to further amend by striking out all down to the word "color," in third line, and inserting:

The Noble Grand, a scarlet collar trimmed with white or silver; Supporters of N. G., scarlet sash trimmed as above; Vice Grand, blue collar trimmed in white or silver; V. G. Supporters, blue sash trimmed as above; Secretary, blue collar trimmed as above; Treasurer, green collar trimmed as above.

Rep. CUSHING, of the Lower Provinces, moved to substitute the following for the pending amendments:

Strike out the colors mentioned and substitute as follows: First Degree, blue; Second Degree, pink; Third Degree, white and scarlet.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, raised the point of order that "the substitute is not in order, as, if adopted, it will require an alteration in the Ritual."

The Chair declared the point well taken.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Cox, of Indiana, it was not adopted.

Rep. Cox, of Indiana, moved to amend the last line of third paragraph by striking out the word "red" in two places, and inserting "scarlet," which was accepted by the committee.

Rep. VOEGTEL, of Louisiana, moved to amend last line of third paragraph by striking out the word "red" in the sentence "Inside Guardian, red sash," and inserting "blue," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, it was agreed to; and the report, as amended, was unanimously adopted—the first and third paragraphs of Article XXII, By-Laws, to read as follows:

Article XXII.—The Regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit: Collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematic color of the Degree, intended to be represented, namely: *First Degree*, pink; *Second Degree*, blue; *Third Degree*, scarlet; *Initiatory Degree*, a plain white collar. Rosettes of the appropriate color may be worn upon the collar

The Noble Grand, Secretary, and Treasurer shall each wear a scarlet collar trimmed with white or silver; the Vice Grand, a blue collar trimmed in like manner. Supporters of the Noble Grand and Vice Grand shall wear sashes of the color of those Officers respectively. Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash; Outside Guardian, scarlet sash; Inside Guardian, scarlet sash.

The position of each officer shall be indicated by the jewel of the office.

Resolved, That the above shall apply to all Lodges that may be hereafter instituted, and to all Lodges that shall hereafter procure new regalia.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. GOODWIN, of Georgia, "that the possession of the Degree of Rebekah shall not be necessary to eligibility to the offices of Vice Grand and Noble Grand," was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the subject of forming new Lodges, as referred to by the Grand Sire in his report, and the resolution of Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. CAPPELLER, of Ohio, moved to strike out the word "ten," in the fifth line of the resolution, on page 8682, and insert "twenty," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

The next report, page 8682, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of W. R. SPOONER, P. C. P., from the action of the Grand Encampment of New York, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8689, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. DYE, of Minnesota, on the subject of introducing visitors, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, on the subject of permitting Subordinates to omit regular sessions, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8690, from the same committee, on the subject of the numbers of extinct Subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolutions of Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, and Rep. Cox, of Indiana, touching the transaction of the business of the Subordinate Lodge in the Third Degree, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until the next annual session, which was not agreed to.

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, moved to strike out "July" in the resolution, and insert "September."

Rep. PERRY, of Ontario, moved to further amend by striking out "July 1st, 1882," and inserting "January 1st, 1883," which was accepted by Rep. BUSBEE.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report,

Rep. HARDIE, of Iowa, moved the following:

Resolved, That the further consideration of this report be deferred to the next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and Representatives are requested to bring the matter before their several State Grand Lodges for instructions, in order that, when the question is finally decided, it may be decided according to the wishes and wants of the whole jurisdiction.

Pending the consideration of which, the hour of adjournment having arrived, the Grand Sire declared the Lodge at recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

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3 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

Present: The Grand Officers and a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the question pending at the time of adjournment, viz.: the motion of Rep. HARDIE, of Iowa, that action on the report of the Legislative Committee, page 8690, Journal, be deferred until the next annual session.

Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, moved that the report be recommitted to the committee.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved the following as a substitute for the resolution of the committee:

Resolved, That, in the judgment of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the business of Subordinate Lodges should be transacted in the Third Degree.

Resolved, That in order that the laws of the Order may be framed to conform to the above expression, the subject be recommitted to the committee to whom all pending propositions shall be referred, with instructions to report proper enactments upon the subject at the next annual communication.

Rep. ADKISON, of Nevada, moved the previous question, which, being ordered, was put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the motion of Rep. HARDIE, of Iowa?" which was resolved in the negative, 48 voting in the affirmative, and 81 in the negative.

The question being on the motion of Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania,

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, called for a division of the question, when the first resolution was adopted, 99 voting in the affirmative, and 29 in the negative.

The question being on the second resolution, it was not agreed to, 41 voting in the affirmative, and 92 in the negative.

The question being on the motion of Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, to recommit the report, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report of the committee as amended by the adoption of the first resolution submitted by Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, it was adopted, 95 voting in the affirmative, and 37 in the negative.

Rep. COX, of Indiana, by unanimous consent, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a secret session of this Grand Lodge be held at 8 o'clock this evening.

Rep. GOODWIN, of Georgia, moved the following:

WHEREAS, In view of the fact that this Grand Lodge has adopted a resolution requiring Subordinate Lodges to transact all their business in the Third Degree, it has become necessary to amend the form of Constitution adopted at this session for the government of Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to conform thereto, therefore,

Resolved, That Section 1 of Article X of said Subordinate Constitution be amended by striking therefrom, in the first, second, third, and fourth lines of same, the following words and language, to wit: "And before a ballot is taken upon the application, the Lodge shall be closed in the Initiatory Degree and opened in the Third Degree, and then in the Degree, or Degrees, applied for;" and by striking from the two last lines of said Section the following words, to wit: "No Lodge shall again be opened the same evening in the Initiatory Degree."

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Rep. CARLIN, of Illinois, moved to refer the resolution to the Judiciary Committee, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution, it was adopted.

Rep. APPERSON, of Oregon, moved that when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it shall be to meet this evening at 8 o'clock.

Rep. MOSES, of Connecticut, moved to strike out "8" and insert "7½," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. APPERSON, of Oregon, to meet this evening at 8 o'clock, it was agreed to.

The consideration of reports of committees was resumed.

The first report, page 8691, from the special committee, on the preamble and resolution of Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, and the petition and resolution of Rep. CROCKER, of Illinois, on the subject of the translation of the Ritual into the Bohemian language, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8699, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. HILL, of Nevada, on the subject of cards granted by Officers of State Grand Bodies, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution submitted by Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, at the session of 1880, (Journal, page 8353,) was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8700, from the same committee, on the resolution submitted by Rep. DILKS, of New York, on the subject of Dismissal Certificates, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, on the subject of old Rituals and electrotype plates in the office of the G. C. and R. Secretary, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8701, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the decisions of the Grand Sire, numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, and 18, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the subject of Charitable Funds, etc., as referred to by Grand Sire HARMON at session of 1880, (Journal, 8213,) was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Washington, on the subject of initiating enlisted soldiers, was considered and adopted.

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, moved to reconsider the vote by which the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, page 8701, on the subject of initiating soldiers, was adopted.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved that the motion lay on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to reconsider, it was adopted.

On motion of Rep. WHITE, of New York, the report was recommitted to the committee.

On motion of Rep. JOHNSON, of California, the hour of adjournment was extended until 6 o'clock P. M.

The next report, page 8702, from the Judiciary Committee, on the resolution of Rep. McQUIDDY, of Indiana, on the subject of Lodges being compelled to pay for nurses, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. HILL, of Connecticut, on the construction of the report of the Committee on Appeals, page 8364, Journal of 1880, was considered and adopted.

The hour (4 o'clock P. M.) designated for the reception of Memorial Addresses having arrived,

Rep. COLLEDGE, of the District of Columbia, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—Year by year it has become the painful duty of the Representatives of the District of Columbia to announce to this Grand Body the death of one or more of the workers in the vineyard of Odd Fellowship, who have been Representatives to the Supreme Legislative head of the Order. Indeed, it seems as if fate had decreed that the sombre hues of mourning should never be removed from our emblems, so rapidly has death followed upon death in our midst. The names of PIPER, STUART, and McLEAN are hardly cold upon our lips before the fell destroyer has again thrice visited us, and taken away, first our brother LATHAM, of Virginia, who was born into Odd Fellowship in the District of Columbia; next our beloved HAVENNER, whose death will be appropriately announced by my colleague; and last, the subject of my remarks, Brother LAWRENCE A. GOBRIGHT, who departed this life May 14th, in the city of Washington, in the sixty-eighth year of his age.

Brother GOBRIGHT was born in the city of Baltimore July 27, 1813. He learned the trade of a printer in his early youth, and worked at the case until 1839, when he went to Batavia, Ohio, and became the editor of the Ohio *Sun*, a paper published in the interest of Martin Van Buren, during the great "Coon-skin" campaign of 1840. After that, he came to Washington, and at various times was editor and manager of different journals—the *Telegraph*, *Evening Star*, *Bee*, and *Union*, and was also part owner of the *Madisonian*. He afterwards became a correspondent and reporter of the debates in Congress, and in 1844, when the first telegraphic communication was consummated between Baltimore and Washington, with JAMES BROOKS, of the New York *Express*, and BEN. PERLEY POORE, he formed the first combination for the rapid transit of telegraphic correspondence with the various journals with which they were connected. Upon the establishment of the New York Associated Press, Brother GOBRIGHT was appointed the Washington agent, a position he held until compelled to retire on account of failing health.

In this last responsible position, during the dark days of the civil war, he was entrusted with secrets, the divulgence of which would have been disas-

trous, but the true man was there, and no living person can say that LAWRENCE A. GOBRIGHT ever betrayed a confidence reposed in him. At the meetings of President LINCOLN's Cabinet he always occupied a seat, and to him was entrusted all the plans and movements of our armies and navies during the struggle. With the great men of the nation, for many years, he was familiar, and the literature of our country, and especially of our great brotherhood, was enriched by the work of his pen.

Of a poetic temperament, the finer sensibilities of his nature were ever active, and the charm of his conversation was irresistible, abounding as it did with a store of personal recollections of men and things, which dated back to the days of the giants in oratory and learning in the Republic.

Brother GOBRIGHT's record as an Odd Fellow is as follows: Initiated in Columbia Lodge, No. 10, June 30, 1842, served as Financial Secretary, and in 1846 became a charter member of Metropolis Lodge, No. 16; was its first V. G., and elected N. G. in April, 1846; admitted to Grand Lodge in July, 1846, and after serving in various minor offices was elected Representative to the then Grand Lodge of the United States, for the years 1854 and 1855. He was initiated in Columbian Encampment No. 1, in 1843; elected S. W. in June, 1844, and C. P. in December of the same year. He was a Representative from Columbian Encampment to the convention which met in Alexandria, Va., June 6, 1846, and formed the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia; was elected its first Grand High Priest to serve until July 30, 1847, and was elected Grand Patriarch July 24, 1849.

In the Lodge room he was a constant worker, and up to within a few days of his death was a regular attendant at the meetings of his Lodge. In the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia he performed honorable service, and was the author of many measures from which the Order in that jurisdiction has reaped enduring benefits.

Let us hope that in that better and brighter land beyond the grave, he has received the commendation of the Grand Master of us all, and entered into that final rest where there is neither sorrow nor pain, but where the Grand Lodge eternal is forever in session in that Grand Temple not made with hands, illumined by the light of God's infinite love to those who have fought the good fight and obtained the reward of gooddeeds in this life.

Rep. PETTY, of the District of Columbia, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—Never has a sadder duty fallen to my lot than the one I now rise to perform by announcing the death of my late distinguished colleague and friend, JOHN. F. HAVENNER, Grand Representative from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

Little did I think, at our last session, when he was telling in words of burning eloquence the story of Rep. MCLEAN's busy and useful life, that I should next be called to offer my feeble tribute to his own manly worth and exalted character. But as our Ritual tersely says, "the living of to-day become the dead of the morrow," and "in the providence of God none may escape."

JOHN FLETCHER HAVENNER, was born January 29, 1828, and died, March 19, 1881, in the city of Washington, D. C. During his earlier years, and again from 1865 until the time of his death, he was identified with the celebrated Havenner bakery, established by his father, THOMAS HAVENNER, a firm, which, from its foundation to the present time, has been widely known and distinguished for honest methods and fair dealing in business. Brother HAVENNER was initiated in Eastern Lodge, No. 7, October 15, 1852, and served as Secretary from July 1 to December 31, 1854. He joined Washington Lodge, No. 6, by deposit of card, January 1, 1856; was elected Secretary December 28, 1858; Vice Grand, June 28, 1859, and Noble Grand, December 27, 1859. He joined Magenenu Encampment, No. 4, December 1, 1852; was

elected High Priest, July 5, 1854, and withdrew by card, October 22, 1858. He joined Mount Nebo Encampment, No. 6, November 19, 1858; was elected Scribe June 20, 1860, and resigned July 2, 1861; re-elected June 17, 1863, and served until July, 1864. He was admitted to the Grand Encampment January 23, 1855; elected Grand Junior Warden, July 22, 1858; Grand High Priest, July 26, 1859, and Grand Patriarch, July, 1860. He entered the Grand Lodge, January 1, 1860; was elected Grand Representative, November 9, 1863, and served continuously in that office until his death, having been re-elected for the term of two years in July, 1880. He was a charter member of Naomi Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, President of the I. O. O. F. Relief Association from its organization, an earnest supporter of the I. O. O. F. Library, and active as a worker in every field of usefulness open to the Order in our jurisdiction.

I have thus briefly outlined his record among us, but of his qualities and sterling integrity as a man, and an Odd Fellow, who is able to speak in terms of fitting eulogy? In this presence, among those who knew him long and loved him well, I am sure no language would seem fulsome or extravagant that I might utter in his praise. Courage to dare for the right, integrity that courts the light of Heaven without a blush, the charity that casts a mantle over the faults of our fellows—in short, all the attributes of the loftiest type of manhood met and mingled in him.

Our brother was a man of warm heart and generous impulse, who lived in utter forgetfulness of self, and freely gave his time, his talents and his means to the relief of distress and the elevation of our race. No brighter star ever sparkled in the heavens of fraternity, no loftier embodiment of the principles that make Odd Fellowship so potent for good in the work of human benefaction ever walked among men, and when he died it was as if the sun had set at noonday, filling our hearts and homes with "a darkness that might be felt." He was not old, as time goes, but his active life was crowded with those deeds of heavenly charity that fall as tender benedictions upon the children of want, and over which the Recording Angel loves to linger as he writes. In the hallowed privacy of domestic life he was a loving husband, tender parent and devoted friend, diffusing about him an atmosphere of genial warmth and brightness, that blessed every life within the circle of its influence. He was called to suffer greatly in his last sickness, but his courage never failed, and he bore with fortitude and resignation the pains that preceded dissolution.

At the request of the Order his funeral took place from Odd Fellows' Hall, where the body lay in state, Tuesday, March 22, from 10 o'clock A. M. until 2 o'clock P. M, the hour set for the services. There was a great throng in attendance, representing every branch of the Order, and every class of our citizens, thus testifying to the worth and prominence of the deceased. There were also present distinguished members of the Order from abroad. Among them THEO. A. ROSS, Assistant Grand Secretary; JOSHUA VANSANT, Grand Treasurer, and Representatives SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, and GAREY, RAWLINGS, and MCCAHAN, of Maryland. "The scene in the hall was an imposing one. The vast crowd stood silent and reverent. The different colored regalias of the Order, purple, scarlet and white, in the dimmed light, gave a subdued brilliancy to the spectacle. At the head and foot of the coffin, stood Uniformed Patriarchs with drawn swords. The perfume from many and varied floral tributes filled the air. On the stage was erected a chapel made in the form of a large black tent. On the outside were upright spears, crossed shepherds' crooks, three golden links, and above all, a representation of the All-seeing Eye. Heavy black draperies were canopied over the whole, while the interior was illuminated with tapers placed in massive gilt candelabras. The services opened with the singing of a dirge by the Odd Fellows' Choir. Rev. R. N. BAER, pastor of the Metropolitan M. E. Church, of which the deceased had been a member, then read the 90th Psalm, and was followed by acting Grand Chaplain Rev. P. HALL SWEET, who read

the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians. Rev. R. N. BAER delivered a short but eloquent address, and was followed by Rev. H. R. NAYLOR, of Baltimore, former pastor of the Metropolitan, who paid a touching and beautiful tribute to the deceased. He began by referring to the noble character of Brother HAVENNER, whom he termed a Christian philanthropist—one who had an abiding faith in his fellow-man and believed in brotherhood in the best and truest sense. He had the hopefulness of youth for his race, and for the Order he loved so well. He thought Odd Fellowship would benefit the world, and therefore he cherished it, and loved to promote its best interests. He was magnanimous and self-forgetful. He thought less, said Mr. NAYLOR, of JOHN F. HAVENNER than did any other man who knew him. He believed in the activity of truth and went about doing good. 'I believe,' said Mr. NAYLOR, 'that if our churches were doing to-day more of the work that Odd Fellowship is doing, there would be less work for the Order.' He then in conclusion addressed some words of sympathy to the family and the Order, which were so touching that many of the audience were moved to tears. After prayer, the choir sang and Grand Master S. E. FAUNCE read the burial service of the Order. This ended the formal exercises, and an opportunity was given for the friends to take a last look at the remains, at the conclusion of which the coffin was removed to the hearse. The honorary pall-bearers, selected by the deceased a year before his death, were THEO A. ROSS, A. G. Secretary, and J. E. MCCAHAN, G. R., of Maryland; J. T. GIVEN, G. R.; J. T. PETTY, G. R.; C. B. R. COLLEDGE, P. G. Rep.; J. H. DANIEL, P. G. M.; J. E. CRAMPTON, P. G., and J. E. MASON, D. G. M. The active pall-bearers were SAMUEL WISE, Board of Trustees; M. D. MONTIS, Grand Lodge; THOMAS W. GREER, Grand Encampment; JOHN C. STEWART, Washington Lodge, No. 6; E. H. PEARSON, Mt. Nebo Encampment, No. 6, and B. A. KIDDER, Uniformed Patriarchs. The cortege, which was a large one, then proceeded to the Congressional Cemetery, where the remains were laid to rest."

He is gone! We shall look no more into his kindly face, nor ever take again sweet counsel together as we were wont to do in the past, but sooner or later, when "life's labor song is sung," and we shall have laid its burdens down, we may hope to meet and greet our brother in that better, brighter clime where the links of fraternity are never broken and friendships are immortal.

Rep. ASKEW, of Georgia, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—At the last session of this Sovereign Grand Lodge held at Toronto, it was the sad duty of the Representatives from Georgia to announce the death of one of the early pioneers of Odd Fellowship in Georgia, CHARLES CLARK MILLER, P. G. Rep. To-day it becomes my sad duty to announce to this Sovereign Grand Lodge the death of another of the Old Guard of Georgia, who was called from his work here during the session of the last Sovereign Grand Lodge, and was laid in his last resting place before a copy of the resolutions passed at that session reached his home. P. G. M. and P. G. R. WALTON B. HARRIS was initiated into the Order October 15th, 1847; was elected Grand Master of the jurisdiction of Georgia in 1852, and took his seat in this Grand Body in 1868.

Our brother has left behind him the noble record of having been a true friend, an honest man, a tried and true Odd Fellow. For four years a member of the Senate of Alabama, he presented the rare spectacle of a politician rising above his party to serve the State and State only, and returned to his home at the expiration of his term of office, honored with the universal respect of his fellow-citizens and rich in the consciousness of duty nobly done. In the private duties of life he was firm, good, and true. Genial and warm-hearted, he possessed all those traits of character which endeared him to all those who came in contact with him. He was a man of decided character, tenacious of his opinions and bold and able to maintain them; his denunciation of

what he thought was wrong was severe; he with boldness took his position, without the least regard to personal consequences; he put his whole heart, soul, mind, and strength in everything he did or attempted to do. His hand was ever opened to extend aid or sympathy, and thus made operative the sublime truths and precepts of our Order. By those who knew him and loved him, his estimable virtues will be treasured and respected in the mirror of memory.

A strong pillar of our glorious edifice has fallen, and the shadow of a great grief sits upon the hearts of the Brotherhood of his jurisdiction, at the thought that his courtly presence, his genial smile, his wise instructions, shall be seen and heard by them no more forever on this earth.

Rep. McQuiddy, of Indiana, submitted the following:

Grand Sire and Representatives:—It is with feelings of sorrow and sadness that I announce the death of John T. Sanders, P. G. Representative of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Indiana.

On Thursday, January 27th, at 4 o'clock A. M., in the city of Brazil, Clay county, Ind., our brother, ripe in years and conscious of a well-spent life, passed away, the spirit returning to the God who gave it

It was my privilege and good fortune to have been intimately associated with him, and especially in the work of Odd Fellowship, and it is a pleasant duty to place upon record a recognition of his integrity as a citizen, his devotion as an Odd Fellow, and his piety as a Christian.

Brother Sanders was born in 1807, and was, therefore, seventy-four years old at the time of his death. He was initiated and made an Odd Fellow in Angerona Lodge, No. 65, at North Madison, Ind., May 29th, 1849, and for thirty-two years was a continuous member of the Order, a faithful attendant upon the meetings of his Lodge, and an efficient worker therein. In 1852 he moved to Jeffersonville, Ind., withdrew from his Lodge at North Madison and deposited his card in Jefferson Lodge, No. 3, at Jeffersonville, with which he remained a member until death severed the connection.

He served in this Grand Body as a Representative of the Grand Encampment of Indiana, in 1862-63, and from the Grand Lodge in 1869-70, attending the memorable session held in San Francisco, serving on the Committee on Correspondence.

Brother Sanders was an average man in stature. His long, flowing beard and hair, as white as snow, gave him a venerable and patriarchal appearance, which once seen is never forgotten. He filled, with credit to himself, several public offices during his life, and for many years was the purchasing agent of the J. M. & I. R. R. In the discharge of the duties of these positions, he was faithful and honest. His home was a happy and hospitable one, and his family affectionate and loving one to the others.

Thus has passed away from among us one who was honored and respected as a citizen, as an Odd Fellow, and as a true and consistent Christian, whose integrity was never questioned, and whose life was filled with acts of benevolence and charity.

Rep. Hardie, of Iowa, submitted the following:

Grand Sire and Representatives:—A sad and painful duty has fallen to my lot. I am called upon to announce the death of Past Grand Representative Thomas Hughes, of the jurisdiction of Iowa, who faithfully represented the Grand Lodge of his State, in the Grand Lodge of the United States, during the sessions of 1860 and 1861.

Bro. Hughes was born in Columbia County, Pennsylvania, September, 1814, and died in Iowa City, March 11th, 1881. He was a printer. Learning his trade in Danville, Pa., he followed that occupation in Harrisburg and Philadelphia until coming West. October 27th, 1838, he crossed the Mississippi river, at Davenport, without other capital to depend upon than a strong

will and a determination to succeed. For a time he worked on the Davenport *Sun*. The following November he went to Burlington, and in the spring of 1839 to Dubuque. Several other points he tried, and in 1841, he settled in Iowa City, where he started the *Reporter*, the antitype of the press. Not succeeding as he hoped to do, he sold out the *Reporter* in 1844 and went back to Pennsylvania. He soon returned, however, and in 1846 was elected to the first State Senate, and was chosen its President. In 1862 he entered the Twenty-eighth Iowa Regiment, and spent nearly two years as a prisoner of war, in Texas; and returning home, was repeatedly honored by his fellow-citizens with places of trust and honor, and at his death, held the office of City Clerk. I know not when, or where, he first united his fortunes with our Order. It must have been at an early day, as he was the last surviving Charter member of Kosciusko Lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F., of Iowa City, and to his influence, example and personal efforts, is due, in a great measure, the high standing and proficiency of his Lodge. In the Grand Lodge of Iowa his worth was acknowledged, for we find him called successively to the offices of Treasurer, Grand Master, and Grand Representative, all of which positions he filled with honor and ability. He has gone from among us, but his death cannot be said to have been untimely, since he had well-nigh filled the allotted three-score years and ten. Yet we mourn the loss of this true friend and brother. His example, as a man and an Odd Fellow, is worthy of emulation. His character was spotless. In all his relations of life he exhibited those traits and qualities that challenge the admiration of his fellow-men.

Although Bro. HUGHES has departed this life, and will no more be seen or heard in the councils of our Order, his influence for good will long be felt, and his memory warmly cherished by his friends and brothers who now live, but in time will follow him to the silent tomb.

Rep. GRAHAM, of Louisiana, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—After an interval of fourteen years, the State of Louisiana is again ushered into the presence of this Grand Body, in the habiliments of mourning. Death has once more intruded within that jurisdiction, and removed from her midst one of the brightest jewels in the diadem of Odd Fellowship. Past Grand Sire GEORGE WESLEY RACE is no more. He departed this life on the 17th day of June, 1881, at his home in New Orleans, in the 61st year of his age, after a long and painful illness.

Bro. RACE was born in Hanoverton, Ohio, of Virginia parentage, and at an early age settled in Louisiana.

As a boy, he was self-reliant, ambitious, scrupulous, proud. He saw in skill and industry the keys to competence and independence, and early learned a trade. He began life as a carpenter, in the town of Jackson, La., and his first deviation from it was a departure natural to a thoughtful mind—he became a teacher. In this position he qualified himself for the bar.

At the bar of Louisiana he appeared when that forum was thronged with Titans. Men of high grade, of the rarest endowments—jurists who for genius and learning were unsurpassed in this country or Europe; forensic orators who in eloquence or argument no State or nation excelled. These giants have all passed away, but the impress of their genius and learning remain with those tutored in its arena. Our brother at once made his mark as a lawyer. He held a commanding position in the courts, and as a speaker, forcible, ingenious, and persuasive, won the respect and confidence of juries. Courtly and accomplished, of an inflexible will and commanding presence, he would have found distinction in any sphere of life. He many times resisted the importunities of friends to enter the political arena, and accept the laurels with which they would fain have crowned him. But he was no politician. The very breath of politics had a taint distasteful to him. At different times of his life he was earnestly importuned to become a candidate for the offices of Mayor, Governor, and United States Senator, respectively, but could only

be induced to accept, in 1868, the nomination for Senatorial Elector for President and Vice President. He canvassed the State, was elected by a large majority, and chosen to preside over the electors that cast the vote of Louisiana for Seymour and Blair.

He was for a number of years a communicant and vestryman of Trinity Church, New Orleans, and served four times as Delegate to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

Simultaneously with his professional advent, Bro. RACE became engrossed with the great and exalted charities and beneficences of Odd Fellowship. He was admitted into Commercial Lodge, No. 12, in New Orleans, in 1847, and, imbued with zeal and with benevolence, became soon an active and prominent Odd Fellow. Having filled the chairs of Secretary, Vice Grand and Noble Grand in his Subordinate Lodge, he was admitted into the Grand Lodge of his jurisdiction in January, 1850. In 1852 he took his seat in the Grand Lodge of the United States as Grand Representative from the Grand Encampment of Louisiana. In 1853 he was again elected to a seat in this Grand Body, this time by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. In 1854 he was elected Deputy Grand Sire. In 1856, whilst Deputy Grand Sire, he was called upon to preside over that session owing to the illness of Grand Sire WILLIAM ELLISON, of Massachusetts. With such marked success did he discharge the duties which thus devolved on him that before the close of the session he was unanimously elected Grand Sire. Presiding with dignity, ability and impartiality, he won golden opinions from the Grand Representatives during the three sessions at which he presided over the Grand Lodge of the United States. On his return home to New Orleans, after his election and inauguration as Grand Sire, the Order in Louisiana, in honor of the event, entertained him at a magnificent banquet given at the St. Charles Hotel.

Bro. RACE was essentially an Odd Fellow. In the rich and glowing benignity of his nature were the responses to every call of duty, and they linked him, as by a chain of affection, to his kind. It was here he found the solace of a quiet, and the recompense of a useful life.

It was not many months before his death that he was foremost among those who gave interest, character and effect to an important event, to wit:—the first re-union of the Veteran Odd Fellows' Association of Louisiana—an occasion which all who were present recall with emotions and cherish with pride. It was a mingling of elements rare, congenial and refined, one of those flowing tides of golden moments that make sunny little lakes in the marsh of time. Little did the veterans gathered at that festive board imagine, that the very first to be called from his earthly pilgrimage—from the scenes he honored and friends he loved—would be our beloved brother, whose manly form and seeming health at the time betokened many years of a continued useful life.

Few of the present Grand Representatives recall the early days of his services in this Grand Body. Over a quarter of a century has passed since he began to reap the honors of Odd Fellowship. There is no station to which he has not aspired, and none he has not adorned. Under his guiding care, exalted and instructed by his eloquence and his judgment, the Order attained a Corinthian splendor and made striking progress in its ever unceasing march to higher usefulness and more extended power. We are all proud of the noble Order to which we belong, and honor those who have imparted dignity to its high places and shed lustre on its name. It may be that a universal mausoleum should commemorate its distinguished dead. They who live in our memories alone, or whose names are blazoned only in the archives of our Order, may have a claim to more enduring fame, and when gone from the familiar places they have loved, may desire to find worldly eminence amid the scenes of which they were once a part. Thus we may suppose the human heart will plead against the sense of being forgotten in whatever world it dwells, and the mind repel the thought of oblivion even amid Time's silent cemeteries.

It is unnecessary to dwell on the virtues of our departed brother. As an example for those he has left behind him, as one whose career is at once marked by high achievement and graced with elegance and accomplishment, of refined culture and profound attainment, we find him a model for emulation—a portrait to be hung on memory's wall, where its colors should never fade, and its perfection may ever challenge admiration.

When age shall come to us all, and the great future threatens and invites us, the image of our beloved Past Grand Sire, his majestic form animated by his glowing sentences, will tower among us, stately and real as now. A glorious memory embalmed shall not be lost, more than the sarcophagus that hands down to ages the worthless dust of long-forgotten kings. The royalty of mind has grander robes than are woven from shuttle and loom, whose warp will never break or woof wear away in all the tide of centuries that shall flow into Eternity's shoreless sea.

In the silent and sublime tabernacle of our thoughts, that serene abode where corruption has no hold, we will cherish and revere his name till the end of time.

Rep. VOEGTLE, of Louisiana, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—It is our duty to remember the dead, especially those of our own Brotherhood, and while it is the duty of this Body to devote its attention to the good of the living, it is one of its time-honored customs to pause in the midst of its labors to do honor to its worthy who have died.

Hardly had the jurisdiction which I have the honor in part to represent, realized the fact of the unexpected death of Past Grand Sire RACE, when the angel of death again visited us and bore from our midst our much esteemed and well beloved Brother, P. G. M., P. G. P., and P. G. Rep. LUTHER HOMES.

He died at his home in the city of New Orleans, on the 11th day of July last, aged sixty-seven years, after a short but painful illness.

Brother HOMES was a native of Dorchester, Mass. He came to the city of New Orleans when twenty-two years old; he was initiated in Delta Lodge, No. 15, in the year 1849, and at once took a deep interest in the Order; he was elected N. G. of that Lodge in the year 1852, and entered the Grand Lodge of Louisiana January 25th, 1853. After serving as a faithful member of that Body for ten years, he was elected to the high position of Grand Master January 27, 1863.

He was also a hard-working and very active member in the Encampment branch of the Order, and was honored with the office of Grand Patriarch February 3d, 1867.

He held the high position of Grand Representative from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana in 1868–69. In 1870 he was appointed as Grand Representative from the Grand Encampment, to fill a vacancy, and was elected to represent the Grand Encampment of Louisiana in this Body during the years 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878.

All these important positions he filled with fidelity and full satisfaction to the Brotherhood. In his death the Order has lost one of its best working, most honored and worthy members, and the country one of its most upright and patriotic citizens.

He was always at his post and prompt in the execution of every trust reposed in him. He was ever present when and where his presence was needed, and was remarkable for his promptness in attending to all duties. The many and distinguished honors received by him, show better than words can express, how well he was regarded by those with whom he was connected.

I need not go back to the records for evidences of his standing and usefulness as a member of this Grand Body, for there are many now upon this

floor, whose personal esteem he shared, who can testify better than I can, to his fidelity and the honorable services which he has rendered.

Rep. DAVIS, of Maine, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—It becomes my sad duty, as a member of the jurisdiction of the State of Maine, to announce to this Grand Lodge the death of WILLIAM C. BECKETT, P. G. Representative of the jurisdiction of the State of Maine, which occurred on the second day of September, 1881, at his home in the city of Portland, Maine, after an illness of more than four years, aged seventy-six years. Brother WILLIAM C. BECKETT, Past Grand Representative, was initiated into Ligonia Lodge, No. 5, of Portland, Maine, November 25, 1843, in which he retained his membership during life. He was admitted, and received the Encampment Degrees, in Eastern Star Encampment, No. 2, of Portland, Maine, October 25th, 1844, and soon became an active and energetic worker in the Encampment branch of the Order. He was elected to the office of Grand Patriarch in 1861 and 1862, and elected Grand Representative from the Grand Encampment in 1867.

He was a worthy and good citizen, a warm friend and a true Odd Fellow, and in every relation of life his deportment was such as to win the respect and esteem of all who knew him. In this bereavement, our Order has lost one of its early and valuable supporters, his family a kind and indulgent father, and the community in which he lived, an upright and useful citizen.

Rep READ, of Maine, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—P. G. Rep. E. ST. J. NEALLEY, of the jurisdiction of Maine, departed this life August 21st, 1881.

Brother NEALLEY was a charter member of Lincoln Lodge, of Bath, Me., which was organized March 12th, 1844, and a member of the same at the time of his death. He was the first Noble Grand of his Lodge, and represented the jurisdiction of Maine in this Grand Body, at its sessions of 1846 and 1847. Brother NEALLEY was an honest man, and a gentlman in all that a correct definition of that word implies. For a period of some twenty-five years, he held a position of trust under the U. S. Government as Collector of Customs at the port of Bath, Me. That he was an efficient officer, his long continued service plainly indicates.

A kind husband and father, a public spirited and honored citizen, a Christian gentleman, a good Odd Fellow, is the obituary, in brief, of EDWARD ST. JOHN NEALLEY.

Reps PALMER, and HARRIS, of Michigan, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—The Representatives from the Grand Encampment of the Peninsular State, are called upon to announce to this Grand Body the departure from our ranks of Past Grand Representative L. C. TILLOTSON, who died at his home in the city of Hillsdale, July 16th, 1881.

Patriarch TILLOTSON had seen much of the rugged road of life, and his declining years were filled with sickness and pain. Yet so far as his shattered health would permit, he did his duty to the Order which he loved so much, faithfully and well.

The younger members of our Order will miss his wise and timely counsel and advice; the elder ones his cheerful salutations and kindly words of greeting, and all will mourn that he has been called so soon to leave us.

He was first seated in office in the Grand Encampment of Michigan as Senior Warden, in 1871, and was a Representative in this Body during the years 1873–74.

A good man has fallen. Peace to his ashes.

Rep. SERVOSS, of Michigan, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—The jurisdiction of Michigan mourns the loss of one, who in life was a noble man and a warm-hearted, devoted Odd Fellow.

JOHN N. INGERSOLL, Past Grand Patriarch, Past Grand Master, and Past Grand Representative, died at his home in the city of Corunna, Michigan, on the 13th day of May, 1881.

A ripe scholar, an eminent poet and journalist, an eloquent and distinguished lecturer, and a comprehensive writer has fallen before the scythe of time, "and the soul of a great mind has been borne up to immortality."

Brother INGERSOLL was born in the town of North Castle, Westchester County, New York, May 4, 1817, and was at the time of his death sixty-four years of age. At the tender age of eleven years he was left an orphan. Two years later, and when but thirteen years old, he began the struggle of life for himself, and engaged in an office in New York City for the purpose of acquiring a knowledge of the art of printing. At the age of twenty he removed to the city of Detroit, and there entered upon his chosen profession with a zeal and energy characteristic of his whole life. His genial nature and genius of intellect, soon drew around him the best minds of his adopted State.

His career in Michigan was one of constant activity and usefulness. He occupied many high places of public trust, never seeking office or position, but when conferred upon him by his fellow-citizens, he entered upon their performance from a sense of duty which he felt he owed the people. In every position which he held, he proved himself faithful, honest, and capable. Throughout his life, Brother INGERSOLL was widely known as a prominent journalist and politician. He was intimately acquainted with many of the leading men of the nation, with whom his gifted intellect placed him upon an equal footing.

He was a forcible writer, and a pleasing and powerful speaker, and ofttimes in his public orations he became grandly eloquent. His services as a public lecturer were in almost constant demand for thirty years of his life.

For twenty-seven years our gifted brother was closely identified with our beloved Order, and to his ability, power and influence, is attributable much of the growth and prosperity of Odd Fellowship in the Peninsular State.

His years of devotion to the best and highest interests of our Order in Michigan, won for him many ardent and life-long friends. He was one of the originators of our Odd Fellows' Institute, located at Lansing, the capital of the State, and he continued one of its ablest advocates and supporters, until the strong current of opposition, which it met, forced its abandonment.

Brother INGERSOLL was chosen Grand Patriarch of our Grand Encampment, at its session in 1868, having been elected from the floor by a large majority, and upon the second day of his membership in that Grand Body.

He was Grand Master of our jurisdiction in 1876, and in each of the important stations to which he was called by his brethren he displayed great earnestness and ability, and the substantial growth of the Order in Michigan, while under his control, bears evidence of his faithful labor, wisdom and care.

He was a Representative to this Grand Body from his Grand Encampment in 1869, and again from his Grand Lodge in 1877 and 1878.

Many of the members now here, will doubtless remember the ability and earnestness displayed by him upon the floor of this Grand Lodge, while advocating the merits of our Institute, and his eloquent pleadings for the influence of this Grand Body in favor of that sacred enterprise.

Brother INGERSOLL was pre-eminently a self-made man. When but a boy, he put on the armor of hard labor, and wore it constantly through life. His character was moulded in the stern and rugged path of continuous mental and physicial employment. He early developed a majestic intellect, and by

a life of unceasing study and industry, he became endowed with a genius, worth, and power of mind, which made him truly great. He was a man of strong, positive force, yet he had a heart formed of the finest and tenderest attributes.

He was always guided by a sense of faithfulness to men in every public and private trust, and a broad, noble, and generous manliness was discernible throughout his whole life.

His good deeds were innumerable, and from his great heart there sprung thousands of the choicest and brightest blossoms of charity, friendship and brotherly love, spreading their beauty and fragrance all along his life's pathway.

His life had known much of sorrow and trouble, yet it was marked by those rare, sweet pleasures, only attained by genial, warm-hearted and appreciative natures like his. Many times, amid the toils and struggles of life, he longed for rest, yet he worked manfully and without a murmur until his time for rest should come. He now sleeps peacefully in the quiet city, and with bowed heads and sorrowing hearts we offer our feeble tribute to his memory.

There comes to us these words, as most fitting to be inscribed upon his tomb:

> Aye, weep: 'tis manliness to be heart-broken here,
> For the grave of earth's best nobleness is watered by the tear."

Rep. HILL, of Nevada, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—It becomes my sad duty, as his successor, to announce to you the death of C. C. BATTERMAN, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative of the State of Nevada; a duty to the most experienced difficult to discharge, to me especially so, as words fail to express my feelings for one I held so near and so dear. Bro. BATTERMAN was a brave (yet reserved), an honest and a good man in every sense of the terms. As an Odd Fellow he was second to none in his zeal to promote the best interest of the Order. His rapid progress was the best proof of our estimation of his worth. Bro. BATTERMAN was initiated into Mt. Davidson Lodge, No. 3, Nevada, in 1869, filling the various Subordinate offices. In the year 1873 he passed the chairs, and made his first appearance in the Grand Lodge of that State in 1874. In the meantime, having joined Pioneer Encampment, No. 1, he was elected that year as R. W. Grand Representative to this Grand Body for two years. In 1875 circumstances connected with the Order at home demanded his attention, and faithful to his duty as a true Odd Fellow, he resigned as R. W. Grand Representative. In 1876 he was elected M. W. Grand Master, and the same year, a vacancy occuring in the office of Grand Representative from the Grand Encampment, he was appointed, and attended the session of this R. W. Grand Body at Philadelpha. In 1879 he was again elected, and attended the sessions of 1879 and 1880. He was re-elected at the June session of the Grand Lodge in 1881. During his short career as an Odd Fellow he had attained all the honors a State Grand Body could confer; had been an active member in this Grand Body, serving on some of the most important committees, one of which was that of the Revision of the Work. Judging from the expressions of members, he will be missed in this Grand Body. We, in Nevada, will miss his valuable services and counsel. As a prominent and worthy citizen, our community will miss him, and the greatest of all, he will be missed by an affectionate wife and loving children.

Bro. BATTERMAN was a native of New York, and died at Tombstone, Arizona, of heart disease, on the 23d of August, 1881, aged fifty-two years.

He has taken his final card from the Lodge on earth, and we hope ere this has deposited it in the Grand Lodge above for all eternity.

Rep. NUTT, of New Jersey, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—It becomes my sad duty to report the death of Past Grand Representative JAMES W. WROTH, who died at his residence in Camden, June 11, 1881, of heart disease. Bro. WROTH was initiated in Wildey Lodge, No. 91, May 26, 1863. Having passed the chairs in his Subordinate Lodge, was admitted to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey November 16; 1869. On the 26th of December, 1863, he was initiated in Fame Encampment, No. 26, and entered the Grand Encampment as a P. C. Patriarch, October 10, 1866. He represented the Grand Encampment of New Jersey in the sessions of this Grand Body for 1870 and 1871. For many years he was an active and earnest Odd Fellow. At the time of his death he was a member of Camden Lodge, No. 155, and Camden Encampment, No. 12.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—Again are we admonished that as the sands of the hour-glass will run out, so will life become extinct, and our sympathies be excited and drawn to those more deeply bereaved. On the 2d of November last, Past Grand Representative THOMAS P. ST. JOHN departed this life. His health had been seriously impaired for a long time, yet his urbanity, fortitude, and loveliness of disposition enabled him to bear his affliction with more of quietude than usually falls to the lot of humanity. Born in Schenectady, February 16, 1817, and removing thence to Geneva, and thence, at the age of fifteen, to Ithaca, his qualifications for business were such that before he became of lawful age he was promoted to the responsible position of cashier of that old and time-honored institution, "The Ithaca Bank." In 1843 he removed to Philadelphia, where for two years he was engaged in the business of banking. In 1843 he became a member of our Order in Philadelphia. From thence he removed to Montrose, Pa., in 1845, and while at the latter place was instrumental in the organization of the first Lodge of our Order in that locality, which was known as the "St. John Lodge." From thence he removed to the city of New York, and after a three years' residence in the latter place returned to Ithaca in 1852, where he continued to reside until his decease, and where, until disabled by disease, he was numbered among the most active, honorable, and useful of its citizens, becoming a member of Ithaca Lodge, No. 71, in 1854, and remaining an active and influential member thereof to the period of his departure. He was elected M. W. Grand Master in our Order in 1873, and in 1876 promoted to that of Grand Representative, doing honor to himself and his constituents for the two years he held that office and a seat in the Sovereign Grand Lodge. As a member of a company owning and carrying on a silk manufactory at Ithaca, as an insurance agent there for years, and in his interest in and encouragement of the industrial pursuits, educational and social interests of the locality of his residence, his activity and estimation were fully equal to that within the ranks of our Order. To such we can accord, as we trust is accorded elsewhere, the plaudit of "well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." The recollection of the ability and dignity which characterized his official career, the courtesy and kindness that marked his intercourse with the brotherhood, the earnestness and devotion displayed by him while in the discharge of the numerous and important duties imposed upon him as an officer and member of this Grand Body, stamps his image upon every heart as that of a true Odd Fellow. Having said this much, what more can we say to express our admiration of him as a man and a brother, or to evince to the world the profound grief we experience when we contemplate his final departure from our midst? Brothers, how noble in all that constitutes true nobility, how unselfish in

friendship, how constant in love, and how firm and candid in truth, were the characteristics of Bro. ST. JOHN; and while we thus acknowledge his sterling qualities, and deeply deplore the great loss our Order has sustained in his death, let us emulate his virtues, and with all our mind and strength, let us labor to sustain our organization upon that high plane of moral excellence and benevolent enterprise so clearly indicated by its teachings, and which so earnestly engaged the best wishes and efforts, and was so dear to the heart of our departed brother.

Rep. LACY, of New York, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—WILLIAM MADDEN was born in the city of Troy, Rensselaer county, New York, on the 16th of December, 1823, and always resided there. He graduated at the Troy Academy at an early age, and with marked success. He never sought any political preferment, yet so well convinced were those with whom he was in daily association that he possessed administrative powers, that for thirteen years in succession he was elected to the Legislative Board of his county, being on more than one occasion elected to preside thereat. He held prominent positions in the government of the city of Troy and of Rensselaer county. By his fellow-citizens he was highly respected, and possessed their unlimited confidence.

Our Order found in Brother MADDEN a warm friend and an earnest supporter. He joined Rensselaer Lodge, No. 53, in October, 1845; was elected Grand Master of the then jurisdiction of Northern New York, in 1864; Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1871, and re-elected in 1873. In every position he held officially, he displayed great ability.

The Troy *Daily Budget*, in announcing his decease, said: "Scarcely any one was better known in Rensselaer county than WILLIAM MADDEN. He was very popular, genial, and pleasant in his ways, highly respected, liked by all who knew him; he probably had not an enemy in the world."

The Albany *Argus* said of him: "No death that has occurred in the Fraternity of the I. O. O. F. for a long time past, has caused such a widespread sorrow as that of WILLIAM MADDEN. For years he was a member of Rensselaer Lodge, and always one of the most active workers of the Order in his district. That he possessed their entire confidence, is evinced by the fact of the earnest support they always gave him when he was before them for their suffrages for the high rank he obtained in the Order. The district of Albany held him in high esteem, as the record of its votes shows. His many friends in Albany mourn his loss."

Later in life, when he could with good reason look for many years of happiness and quiet content, he had placed on him, and by a unanimous vote, the arduous and responsible position of Treasurer of the State organization, with which his business was largely interested. This selection was doubtless due to the knowledge those who elected him possessed of the sterling qualities of the man, and the character for integrity he had built up for himself.

His death was sudden. He was followed to his last resting place by crowds of sorrowing friends, leaving behind him the memories of a well spent life. He had a great aptitude for making and retaining friends, seldom meeting one who at parting might not be counted as one of a host of his "lasting friendships."

Rep. WHITE, of New York, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—DAVID P. WHITE, P. G. R., was born at Edmeston, Otsego county, New York, April 9th, 1822, and died at Utica, in that State, June 19th, 1881, after an illness of twelve weeks. At an early day he was apprenticed to the printing business, which occupation he followed to the day of his death, having been connected with various

public prints in central New York during that period. I am unable to state the years of his connection with our Order, but he appeared as the Representative of Oneida Lodge, No. 70, Northern New York, in 1851. He was appointed D. D. G. M. of Oneida District in 1852; was elected Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York in 1853, and served as the Representative of the Grand Encampment of Northern New York in this Grand Lodge in 1859-60. In all these positions he discharged his duties as became a man and an Odd Fellow, faithfully and well.

Brother WHITE was honored by the people of the city of his adoption during the period of about twenty-five years, with various public positions of trust and honor. For eighteen years he was a member of the Board of Education of Utica, and contributed very largely to the advancement of the cause of common school education, which he had very much at heart. He was modest and retiring in his disposition, but kind and courteous always. He was a man of rare good judgment, and the breath of suspicion never marred his character for integrity. As an Odd Fellow, he was ever faithful to his obligations and his trust, and was always open to the call of distress. Happening in Utica on business a few months before his death, it was my good fortune to enjoy the hospitalities of his pleasant home for an evening.

Kindness and affection ever clustered around that fireside. His house was the resort of a large circle of loving friends, and the visitors were always made welcome. As a husband and father, he was all that could be desired, ever kind, considerate, forgiving and loving. He passed peacefully away in the vigor of life, respected by all who knew him.

Representatives, it is my prayer and hope that when we shall pass away it can be truthfully said of all of us, as I can most conscientiously say of Brother DAVID P. WHITE, "a good man has gone to his rest."

Rep. CAPPELLER, of Ohio, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES.—CHARLES THOMAS, born in Philadelphia, October 20th, 1808, died at Cincinnati July 26th, 1881.

He grew to years of young manhood in his native city, and there became a member of Jefferson Lodge, No. 12, I. O. O. F., in the year 1829. The same year he immigrated to Cincinnati, where he remained continuously to his death. December 30th, 1830, he assisted in the organization of Ohio Lodge, No. 1, the first instituted in the West, and upon his decease, passed away its last surviving charter member.

At the celebration of this Lodge of its fiftieth anniversary, December 30, 1880, Bro. THOMAS was a central figure, and met with an ovation from his fellow-members and the large number of brothers of the Order present, which showed the esteem and veneration in which he was held by them all.

In 1839 he was Noble Grand of Ohio Lodge; in 1840, a member of the Grand Lodge of Ohio; and the same year was Deputy Grand Master; in 1841, was elected Grand Master of Ohio; in 1842, was Representative from Ohio to the Sovereign Grand Lodge; in 1844, Grand Treasurer of Ohio; a charter member of Wildey Encampment, No. 1, of Cincinnati; Grand Patriarch in 1843; and a Representative in the Sovereign Grand Lodge from the Grand Encampment of Ohio, in the year 1846, and again in the year 1869.

Notwithstanding these distinguished honors, in all these years he was ever faithful to his Lodge, steadfast in his duties, constant in his attendance. Seldom a meeting of his Lodge, of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, or of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at which he was missing. In Ohio and the West, his name was a synonym for faithfulness to his beloved Order. Though born in poverty, by his untiring industry and unswerving integrity, he raised himself to affluence and to high honor in civil life, and filled many offices to which his fellow-citizens delighted to call him; member of City Council; member of City Board of Health for many years; director of the

Cincinnati House of Refuge; Treasurer of Hamilton county; Representative and Senator in the Ohio Legislature for several successive terms; continually called upon for duty in numerous other minor places, and on nearly all occasions of public importance, he filled each position assigned him honestly, faithfully, well, winning for himself the respect of all good citizens. And wherever his name was spoken, it stood for even-handed justice and honesty of purpose. Next to his love for our Order was his devotion to the Cincinnati House of Refuge, an institution devoted to the care of the homeless, destitute and abandoned children of that great city. For over thirty years he was a member of its Board of Directors, and at his death, President thereof. Thousands of little children passed under his fostering care, and his gentle spirit, speaking encouraging and hopeful words, made nearly all of them good men and women, and of many, prominent citizens.

Sunday, July 24th, after attending the chapel exercises at the Institution, as had been his unvarying practice for over thirty years, and while sitting quietly in his chair speaking pleasant words of cheer to a little boy formerly an inmate, instantaneously the hand of death was laid upon him; he became insensible, and, though he lingered for two days, consciousness never returned. As I stood at his bedside watching life slowly ebbing away, I was more than ever impressed with the uncertainty of all things here below. One of the most splendid specimens of physical manhood had been stricken down without a moment's warning, and a mind which just before had shone with its accustomed brightness, was now obscured by the sombre clouds that hovered around the portals of the tomb. No light from those eyes, no words from that tongue which for so many years had given us wisest counsel. The great form was laid low, the soft voice was hushed, and eternity had claimed its own. How many profitable lessons could be drawn from such a life as that of CHARLES THOMAS! But this is no time for moralizing. Let us all be admonished, however, by the sudden taking off of Brother THOMAS, and take heed to the divine command: "Be ye also ready, for ye know not the day nor the hour when the Son of Man cometh."

His funeral was remarkable, even in Cincinnati, for its size and for the number of prominent people attending it, and our Order did itself credit by escorting the remains in a body, including in it Representatives from all parts of Ohio and adjacent States, which called forth wonder, as well as admiration, from the thousands of spectators.

Thus passed away one of whom Odd Fellowship may well be proud. Able, calm, honest, just, candid, judicious, gentle and kindly, he was ever faithful to friendship, true to love, unvarying in truth. Duty was his watchword, and to properly fulfill it he ever labored. Every wish was to him a reverential prayer, and towards God he had the tender love of a simple child for its father, believing that he ever stood in His presence and was encircled by His protecting arm. So cherished and sustained he quietly passed away, and to-day he stands the upright man, made perfect, before the Great Creator of all.

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—I may be permitted to add a few thoughts to the remarks of my colleague.

Yes, again Ohio mourns. CHARLES THOMAS is dead. In May last, at the session of Ohio's Grand Lodge, our eldest Brother was present to greet his Brothers of the Mystic Tie. Then he looked forward to this occasion with joy and hope, to meet and greet you, Officers and Representatives of a world-wide jurisdiction. To his eyes then, HERE, AND NOW, were almost the land of promise and day of rejoicing. How his genial face glowed at the prospect, how his kindly eye beamed and brightened at the thought, how his tender heart warmed, as he contemplated the grasping and clasping of hands with you, my brothers. The weeks came on apace, and CHARLES THOMAS

went in and out with the living in his wonted health and strength. But on Sunday, July 24th, 1881, while in the discharge of a joyous duty and privilege—an official visit as trustee to the House of Refuge of this city of Cincinnati—suddenly, yet gently, Death touched him, and ere Tuuesday's morn, the mortal part of our Brother was lifeless clay. I recall my own thoughts as I read the sad announcement by telegram. They were—"A good man, and great by reason of his goodness, in the fullness of years, crowned with the *halo* of a life well spent in blessing his fellow-man, has departed, whither we know, for his loving life led into glory." My thoughts, unspoken, were echoed and re-echoed from heart to heart of fifty thousand brothers in our own beautiful Ohio, and the sad refrain was caught up from ocean to ocean, across a continent. Wherefore both our grief and glory! *Grief*, at the loss of companionship of such a man; *glory*, that his memory is fragrant of a pure life.

The crowning work of his public life, however, was his thirty years' service as a trustee of the House of Refuge in this city. It was to the discharge of the duties of that position that his maturer years were devoted, and this city of Cincinnati, with us, mourns at his death. His life is an example, and will point out the way wherein others will surely tread. His love was fraternal, and indicated every man his brother, and so partook of Heaven.

"Nowhere on earth can love be found,
More pure, more true, than this."

With Brother THOMAS goes out the light of the last of the men who first organized the Order in Ohio. He, the last survivor of the ten, and in many respects the greatest of them all. If greatness be in making an indelible impression upon the progress of events, then we may truthfully say, THOMAS was the greatest of all his compeers who first composed Ohio Lodge, No. 1. His work survives him. Many are the men in this city and elsewhere, now living in comfort and pursuing honorable vocations, who largely owe to his kind words and generous deeds their all.

"For his bounty,
There was no winter in't. An Autumn 'twas,
That grew the more by reaping."

Rep. DONOGH, of Ontario, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—To me has been assigned the duty of announcing to this Sovereign Grand Lodge the death of one of its Past Grand Representatives, who in Canadian public life had earned for himself a distinguished fame, and who, had it not been for circumstances uncontrollable in their nature, would undoubtedly have become equally distinguished as a prominent and faithful member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

His membership in this Grand Lodge is of such distant date, that probably few, if any, on the floor of this Grand Lodge to-day have any recollection of our departed brother.

Hon. CHRISTOPHER DUNKIN, Past Grand Representative, died at his residence, Knowlton, Quebec, January 14th, 1881, in the 69th year of his age. He was born in England, in the year 1813, received his education at Oxford, and graduated at the age of 19.

In 1832 he came to America, and was for a short time tutor at Harvard College. He then removed to Montreal, Quebec, and settled there. Here he was first a journalist, then entered the Canadian civil service; studied law and was called to the bar, at which he speedily made his mark, and became a leading member of the profession.

He entered the Parliament of Canada in 1857 and remained almost continuously a member of that body until "confederation," in 1867, after which he

was a member of both the local government of the Province of Quebec and the Dominion government until 1872, in which year he was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Province of Quebec, a position which he held until death.

He joined the Order in 1845, by initiation into Commercial Lodge, No. 5, Montreal, became a member of the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Encampment of Canada, and in 1846 he represented the Grand Encampment of Canada, in the Grand Lodge of United States. In 1852 he filled the office of Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of British North America. He was the chief legal adviser of the Order in Canada during his connection with it, and its Constitution, By-Laws, etc., were largely the product of his busy brain. He drew up the scheme of independence at the time of the erection of British North America into a Sovereign Jurisdiction, in 1847, and in his capacity as Grand Representative he had charge of that scheme in this Grand Lodge.

In public life, he distinguished himself as an able statesman, a thorough scholar, an eloquent orator, and a learned and impartial judge. In private life, he was known as a warm-hearted and loyal friend. As an Odd Fellow, he was zealous and enthusiastic, and labored earnestly for the success and advancement of the Order, until that wave of adverse circumstances swept over it, which caused its temporary decline and disruption in 1854, and at which time the Order in Canada lost forever the services of many able men who have since attained high positions in public life.

It is a matter deeply to be regretted that CHRISTOPHER DUNKIN did not return to his early allegiance after the revival of the Order in Ontario and Quebec, but in the years that elapsed between the dissolution and the revival he had changed his residence to a place remote from the nearest Lodge, had passed into other channels of activity, and had lost his interest in the work which had formerly been his delight.

In conclusion, I may simply say, that while Canada mourns the loss of a faithful and efficient public servant, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Canada mourns the loss of one of its first pioneers, and one whose valuable services entitle his name to a place upon the roll of our honored dead.

Rep. BLANKS, of Virginia, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—The jurisdiction of Virginia is again called upon to mourn the loss of an honored and distinguished brother, in the death of Past Grand Representative HUGH LATHAM.

During the troubles in Ireland in the year 1798, there landed on the shores of this country, a husband and wife, who had left their homes and firesides, their friends and relatives, to escape the oppressive laws of that foreign land. Hither they came to seek a home, free from political oppression and religious proscription. They settled in the town of Alexandria, Virginia, but soon thereafter moved to the city of Washington, the capital of our nation, where, on the 25th day of April, 1812, was born to them a son, who for many years was an honored member of this Grand Lodge; and as his successor, I desire to pay an humble tribute to the memory of Past Grand Representative HUGH LATHAM.

On the 24th of April, 1834, he was initiated into the mysteries of Odd Fellowship, in Franklin Lodge, No. 2, in the city of Baltimore, Md. In the year 1835 he was admitted by card as a member of Wayne Lodge, No. 3, in the city of Philadelphia, Penn., where, in the the month of September of that year, he received the Grand Lodge Degree. In the year 1839 Potomac Lodge, located in Alexandria, Virginia, was chartered by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and a few months after it was instituted, Brother LATHAM was admitted a member thereof, and thereby became a member of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and in 1843 was elected Grand Master of that jurisdiction.

On the 1st day of October, 1846, J. HARRISON KELLEY, Grand Master,

issued a proclamation by which Potomac Lodge was transferred to the jurisdiction of Virginia. Thus it was that Brother LATHAM became a member of the Grand Lodge of Virginia; and in 1857 he was elected by that jurisdiction as one of its Representatives to this Grand Lodge.

How varied was the history of Brother LATHAM as an Odd Fellow! Initiated into its mysteries in Baltimore, the "Mecca" of Odd Fellowship; passing the chairs of the Subordinate Lodge in Philadelphia, the city of "Brotherly Love," in the banner State of our Order, Pennsylvania; elected Grand Master by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, a jurisdiction that has furnished some of the brightest lights that ever shone in Odd Fellowship, and elected Grand Representative by the jurisdiction of Virginia, a State which has been truthfully hailed as the "Mother of States and Statesmen." Virginia, fully appreciating his worth as an active, earnest, zealous Odd Fellow, continuously re-elected him as a Representative to this Grand Lodge from the year 1865 to 1877.

But our brother has left us. On the 25th day of October, 1880, in the sixty-ninth year of his age, "the silver cord was loosened, the golden bowl was broken," and the deathless spirit of HUGH LATHAM winged its flight to its eternal home; and now as these memorial services admonish us that he has closed his earthly career, let us write his errors in sand, engrave his virtues upon memory's enduring tablet, and go in spirit to his tomb and drop the sprig of evergreen on his grave as a constant reminder to us that "he is not dead but sleepeth." Let us cherish the hope that he rests sweetly beneath the shade of the trees on the other shore.

His devotion to Odd Fellowship was attested by an exhibition of zeal, commencing with the date of his initiation, and continuing unabated for nearly a half century. His record is that of a bright and devoted Odd Fellow, a firm friend, and an unwavering advocate of the principles of "Friendship, Love and Truth." His memory will live long in the hearts of his brethren.

An honored one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our Lodge,
Which cannot well be filled.

The special order having been discharged, the consideration of reports of committees was resumed.

The first report, page 8702, from the Special Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, on the communication from the Grand Encampment of Nevada, respecting an endowment system, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8703, from the same committee, concerning a quorum in an Encampment, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Petitions, on the Charters issued to sundry Subordinates in Idaho, New Mexico, Dakota, and Washington Territories, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on

the Charter issued to the Grand Encampment of Dakota, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8704, from the same committee, on the Charter issued to Prins Hendrik Lodge, No. 3, Netherlands, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Charters issued to Lodges Nos. 3, 4, and 5, Arizona, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. ORENDORFF, of Illinois, on the subject of restricting the right to vote in Subordinate Lodges to members of the Third Degree, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8705, from the Committee on Finance, on the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8710, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the subject of a translation of the Ritual into the Norwegian language, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. CLARK, of Wisconsin, moved to amend by substituting the following for the resolution submitted by the committee, which was accepted by the committee:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be authorized to print two hundred and fifty copies of the Norwegian translation of the Ritual, furnished by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, at the expense of the Grand Lodges interested therein, and that the amount that may be advanced by each of such Grand Lodges for such translation and printing, be refunded by furnishing such Grand Lodges with said Rituals at the usual price.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, that the Obligation for the P. O. Degrees be printed in the next edition of Degree Charge Book, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the subject of Representation, Taxation, Biennial Sessions,

etc., referred to in the report of Grand Sire HARMON, in Journal of 1880, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8711, from the Judiciary Committee, on the decisions of the Grand Sire, numbered 13, 14, 19, and 20, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, on "Numbers of Extinct Subordinates," referred to in the report of the Grand Sire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the subject of an increase in the number of members of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, referred to in the Grand Sire's report, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8712, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. JOHNSON, of California, on the subject of admission to membership by deposit of card, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Finance, on the memorial of sundry Subordinate Lodges, asking a reduction of the per centage assessed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the petition of the Grand Encampment of Dakota, for a remission of the dues of Subordinate Encampments in Dakota for the year 1881, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8713, from the same committee, on the application of the Grand Lodge of Washington, for a credit of $236.25, dues of Subordinates paid at the institution of the Grand Lodge of Washington, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the petition of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, for a remission of Representative tax, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Constitutions, approving the By-Laws of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, of New Mexico, Arizona Lodge, No. 1, of Arizona, and

Harmony Encampment, No. 3, of Wyoming, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8714, from the same committee, on the Constitution and By-Laws of Arizona Degree Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the By-Laws of Harmony Lodge, No. 3, Sandwich Islands, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8715, from the same committee, on the By-Laws of Pima Lodge, No. 3, Arizona, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8716, from the Committee on Petitions, on the Charters of Walla Walla Encampment, No. 3, Washington Territory, and Harmony Encampment, No. 3, Wyoming, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Returns, on the annual reports of Subordinate Encampments, under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the annual reports of Subordinate Lodges in Arizona, Idaho, etc., was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8717, from the same committee, on the annual reports of sundry Grand Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, on the subject of admitting to membership in Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah, "unmarried

daughters of Odd Fellows, who have attained the age of eighteen years, and whose parents are dead," was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. ELLIOTT, of Wisconsin, moved to amend the resolution by striking from the first line the word "unmarried," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, on the subject of printing and binding Volume X, Journal, etc., was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8718, from the Committee on Returns, on the annual reports of Grand Encampments, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Rebekah Degree Lodge Returns, made by sundry Grand Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8719, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Dakota, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Constitutions of the Grand Lodges of Ontario, District of Columbia, Iowa, Alabama, and Michigan, and the Grand Encampments of Iowa, Missouri, Michigan, and Massachusetts, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8720, from the same committee, on the Constitutions of Encampments, Nos. 4 and 5, Dakota, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of WINFIELD S. TOMPKINS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, (as instructed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge,) was considered and adopted.

Rep. ANDERSON, of Rhode Island, moved to reconsider the vote by which the report was adopted.

On motion of Rep. WHITE, of New York, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the appeal of EMANUEL AMICK, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8721, from the Special Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, on the subject of a Degree for Uniform Patriarchs, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until the next annual session, which was agreed to, 53 voting in the affirmative, and 51 in the negative.

The next report, page 8722, from the same committee, on the subject of consolidating Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the subject of "Supreme Temple or Patriarchal Circle," as referred to by the Grand Sire, in his report, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. FOSTER, of Connecticut, moved to recommit the report to the committee.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved to lay the motion to recommit on the table, which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the report,

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject until the next annual session, which was not agreed to.

The question again recurring on the report, it was adopted.

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution of Rep. COURTNEY, of Virginia, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That the adoption of a report of the Committee on Appeals is simply an approval by this Grand Lodge of the conclusion of the committee in the particular case reported upon, and does not commit this Body to any statements of the laws of the Order which may be contained in the body of the report. And when the conclusion arrived at by the Committee on Ap-

peals is embodied in a resolution, the adoption of the report amounts, in its legal effect, to the adoption of said resolution and nothing more, unless otherwise stipulated in the motion to adopt,"

Have considered the same, and beg leave to report, that the report of the Committee on Appeals, stating the facts of a given case, and their conclusion, as embodied in one or more resolutions, and the adoption thereof by this Grand Body, has not the effect, and should not be held as the announcement of a general principle of law, but only as the law evolved by, and applicable to, the particular case so decided. And no such report and resolution should be held and cited as prescribing a general law of the Order, unless the facts and conclusions are such as to warrant the committee in so declaring, either expressly or by necessary implication.

The committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. HERRING,	HENRY C. HEDGES,	J. HAM PERRY,
ALFRED ORENDORFF,	SAM'L F. GWINNER,	JNO. C. UNDERWOOD,
E. G. BUDD,	THOMAS HARDIE,	JNO. F. WALLICK.

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred that portion of the report of the Grand Sire concerning the revision of the Digest of the Laws, respectfully report that they have carefully considered the suggestions of the Grand Sire in connection with this matter, and particularly in regard to the printing of the Digest, and, concurring with him, respectfully report the following resolution, and recommend its adoption, viz.:

Resolved, That Rep. JOHN H. WHITE be authorized to add the legislation of this session to the matter of the revised Digest, and that, when completed, ——— ——— copies thereof be printed; that Bro. WHITE be authorized to contract, in the name of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, for the printing, binding and stereotyping of such Digest, such contract, however, to be subject to the approval of the Committee on Printing Supplies; and that, with the above exception, Bro. WHITE have entire charge and control of the printing, binding and stereotyping of the first edition of said Digest.

Resolved, That the sum of ——— ——— dollars be appropriated to pay the expense of printing, binding and stereotyping the said edition of the revised Digest, the bill therefor to be audited by said Committee on Printing Supplies, and paid on their Warrant, as in case of other supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. BUSBEE,	C. MILLER,	L. F. MCKINNEY,
JOHN G. CLARK,	JOHN N. GALE,	H. D. WALKER,
ALFRED SLACK.		

Rep. RANDALL, of California, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the letter of Bro. CHARLES G. HILL, London, England, on the subject of the regalia, etc., of Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 1, and Anglo-American Encampment, No. 1, find that R. H. MORRISON paid for and presented the regalia to said Lodge and Encampment; that the regalia was subsequently surrendered to this

Sovereign Grand Lodge and sold; that said R. H. MORRISON was largely indebted to Bro. HILL for money advanced, the latter claiming that his money paid for the regalia.

Your committee cannot recommend that this Sovereign Grand Lodge settle indebtedness between individuals; therefore ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. RANDALL,	JNO. E. MCCAHAN,	JAMES B. BLANKS,
HENRY L. NEWELL,	M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,	L. GRAHAM,
JOHN LAKE,	JNO. T. GIVEN,	I. C. STAFFORD.

Rep. RANDALL, of California, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Finance have considered sundry bills as follows, viz.:

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

Wm. W. Morris.....5 days.....	$25 00	
Wm. W. Morrow.....5 days.....	25 00	
A. R. Courtney.....5 days.....	25 00	
James Woodyatt.....5 days.....	25 00	
W. S. Johnson.....5 days.....	25 00	
W. H. Crocker.....5 days.....	25 00	
T. B. Elliott.....5 days.....	25 00	
C. C. Pearce.....5 days.....	25 00	
W. A. Shields.....5 days.....	25 00	
		$225 00

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING SUPPLIES.

J. M. Jones, per diem.....	$15 00	
T. A. Ross, Sec'y, per diem.....	15 00	
E. H. Spencer, per diem and mileage.....	43 00	
J. F. Havenner " " " "	12 40	
J. T. Given " " " "	12 40	
		97 80

SUB-COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

John E. McCahan, per diem.....	$5 00	
J. T. Given " " and mileage.....	8 20	
		13 20
J. C. Congdon, Special Deputy to Winnipeg, Manitoba.....		40 30
T. A. Ross, A. G. Sec'y, telegraphing to J. G. Blaine, Sec'y of State		11 12
Wm. A. Zimmerman, printing Constitutions for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments.....		42 00
Luther J. Glenn, incidental expenses of Grand Sire.....		66 20
Chas. H. Gatch, express charges on books, etc., from Baltimore to Cincinnati, and expenses incurred in transportation, etc.....		70 00
Walden & Stowe, ink, etc.....		5 50
J. F. Schweitzer, services, assisting Grand Messenger.....		75 00
J. W. Thompson " " " "		40 00
Erie J. Leech, Dep. Grand Sire, incidental expenses.....		3 00
F. W. Spreen, draping hall in mourning.....		8 86
Belden Seymour, Grand Marshal, advertising.....		12 00
		$709 98

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and directed to draw warrants in favor of the persons named, for the amounts set forth in above report, amounting to the sum of $709.98.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. RANDALL, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, JNO. LAKE,
HENRY L. NEWELL, JAMES B. BLANKS, L. GRAHAM,
JNO. E. MCCAHAN, JNO. T. GIVEN, I. C. STAFFORD.

Rep. RANDALL, of California, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on Finance submit the following estimate for receipts and expenditures of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, for the year ending August 31st, 1882:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

From Representative Tax,	$10,800 00
" Sale of Cards	10,500 00
" Sale of Odes	1,200 00
" Sale of Dismissal Certificates and Rebekah Certificates	500 00
" Sale of Books	2,500 00
" Charter Fees	50 00
" Amounts due from Subordinates and Individuals	1,514 25
" Sale of Diplomas	1,200 00
" Sale of Digests and Journals	350 00
" Interest on U. S. Bonds	1,383 00
" Dues from Subordinates	500 00
" Sale of New Digest	2,000 00
	$32,497 25

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.

Mileage and Per Diem to Officers and Representatives	$16,000 00
Daily Journal	800 00
Revised Journal	4,500 00
Odes, Cards and Diplomas	2,000 00
Officers' Reports	400 00
Salary of Grand Secretary	1,000 00
Salary of Assistant Grand Secretary	2,000 00
Extra services of Assistant Grand Secretary	500 00
Salary of Grand Treasurer	350 00
Salary of Grand Messenger	900 00
Books	2,000 00
Revised Journal, Vol. X	800 00
New Digest	5,000 00
Rent, Fuel, etc., Grand Secretary's Office, and Lease of Ground,	450 00
Incidentals	1,000 00
Postage on Officers' Reports, and Daily Journal	300 00

Amounts drawn in excess of appropriations, 1880:

For Steel Engraving of J. B. Harmon, P. G. Sire	$100 00	
" Oil Portrait of J. B. Harmon, P. G Sire	161 50	283 50
" Frame for Portrait	22 00	
Expenses of Committee on Appeals, this session		225 00
Expenses of Committee on Printing Supplies		97 80
Expenses of Sub-Committee on Finance		13 20

J. C. Congdon, Special Deputy to Winnipeg, Manitoba	$40 30
Theo. A. Ross, A. G. Sec'y, telegraphing J. G. Blaine, Secretary of State	11 12
Wm. A. Zimmerman, printing Constitutions for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments	42 00
Luther J. Glenn, incidental expenses of Grand Sire	66 20
Chas. H. Gatch, express charges on books, etc., from Baltimore to Cincinnati, and return, and expense incurred in transportation, etc	70 00
Walden & Stowe, ink, etc	5 50
J. F. Schweitzer, services assisting Grand Messenger	75 00
J. W. Thompson, services assisting Grand Messenger	40 00
For conveying the New Work to Barbados	150 00
Improvements to Grand Secretary's office, as suggested in his report	600 00
Regilding frames of portraits of Grand Sires	100 00
Erie J. Leech, Deputy Grand Sire, incidental expenses	3 00
F. W. Spreen, draping hall in mourning	8 86
Belden Seymour, Grand Marshal, advertising	12 00
	$39,843 48

The following resolutions are recommended:

Resolved, That the sum of thirty-nine thousand eight hundered and forty-three dollars and forty-eight cents ($39,843.48), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the payment of the annual expenses of this Sovereign Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, in the manner, and to the extent, and for the purposes heretofore set out and expressed, and the Grand Secretary is authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer therefor, at such times and in such amounts as may be required to pay all such properly approved bills of account as may be presented; *provided, however*, that the Grand Secretary shall only draw his warrants for, and the Grand Treasurer only pay, the respective sums specified as appropriated for the several items above designated.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized to sell, from time to time, such of the United States bonds in his possession, the property of this Grand Lodge, as shall be found necessary to pay warrants drawn upon him by the Grand Secretary as above. That he be further authorized to reinvest, at his discretion, the proceeds of said bonds, or any surplus revenue of the Grand Lodge, in the securities of the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. RANDALL, JNO. E. MCCAHAN, JAMES B. BLANKS,
HENRY L NEWELL, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, L. GRAHAM,
JNO. T. GIVEN, JNO. LAKE, I. C. STAFFORD.

Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend Article XII of the Constitution as follows:

Strike out the word "September" in the second line, and insert "October."

Strike out the words "State, District, or Territorial," in the seventh line, and insert before the word "Representatives," in the sixth line, the words "members and," so that the Article shall read as follows:

ARTICLE XII.—This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Monday in October, at nine o'clock A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournment. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the members and Representatives of the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, com-

municating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated.

W. G. DYE, of Minnesota. JAMES WOODYATT, of Ontario.
WM. W. MORRIS, of Kentucky. M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania.

Rep. ROBBINS, of Rhode Island, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of the three Encampments in Wyoming, asking for the establishment of a Grand Encampment in that Territory, respectfully report, that they have considered the matter and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Sire be, and he is hereby, authorized, if, in his judgment, he deems the same expedient, to issue, upon the unanimous application of the Subordinate Encampments of Wyoming, a Dispensation for a Grand Encampment in that Territory; *provided*, that no expense for representation be incurred by this Sovereign Grand Lodge until there shall be five Subordinate Encampments in that Territory.

Respectfully submitted,

G. F. ROBBINS, J. T. HOKE, WALTER E. CARLIN,
JOHN J. WHIPPLE, JNO. M. JONES, GROVE L. JOHNSON.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Grand Sire declared the Lodge at recess until 8 P. M.

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8 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

Present: The Grand Officers and a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, submitted the following protest:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The undersigned, a minority of the Appeal Committee, respectfully dissent from the statement of the facts and the conclusions of law as applied thereto, in the report of the majority in the matter of J. H. SCHRYVER *vs.* Grand Lodge of Ohio, and protest against the action of the Grand Lodge in adopting said report, for the following reasons:

First. Because it is a well-established rule of this Body, founded on well-known principles of law, that it will examine the testimony in appeal cases only to determine whether there was any error in the application of the law of the Order to facts.

Second. When there is testimony to sustain the action of the Lodge, this

Sovereign Grand Lodge should not disturb the result, unless error appears in the proceedings that must have affected injuriously the correct determination of the case.

Third. The Appeal Committee of this Sovereign Grand Lodge cannot sit as a trial committee, and hear evidence for the purpose of determining the weight of conflicting testimony. The manner of witnesses, their appearance in giving testimony, their character and general bearing, and the conduct of the accused, are all matters that can be better, and perhaps only, understood by the body trying the case.

In the case now under consideration, there are many facts not stated, and apparently not considered, by the majority of the Appeal Committee, that may have influenced and determined the decision of the Subordinate Lodge.

We, therefore, respectfully protest against the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in the case, being considered as establishing a law upon the subject.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. S. JOHNSON, T. B. ELLIOTT, WM. W. MORROW.

Rep. JOHNSON, of California, moved to reconsider the vote by which the further consideration of the report of the Special Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, page 8721, Journal, was postponed to the next annual session.

The question being on the motion to reconsider,

Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, moved to lay the motion on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to reconsider,

Rep. FLEMING, of West Virginia, moved the previous question, which was ordered, and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the motion of Rep. JOHNSON, of California, to reconsider the report?" which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to postpone the further consideration of the subject until the next session, the motion to postpone was withdrawn.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, moved to add the following:

Resolved, That the adoption of these resolutions shall in no way commit this Grand Lodge to the adoption of a Degree for Uniformed Patriarchs, nor shall any expense be incurred for the production of the said Degree by this Grand Lodge.

Which was accepted by the committee.

Rep. PRICE, of Missouri, moved to strike out the second paragraph of the report, which was accepted by the committee.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Lodge proceeded to consider the reports of committees as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 8722, from the Judiciary Committee, on the appeal of W. B. LYON, Grand Secretary, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8723, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. CARLIN, of Illinois, on the subject of charges against officers of Subordinates, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8732, from the Committee on Petitions, on the application of Lodges Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, of Arizona, for a Grand Lodge in that Territory, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8733, from the Committee on Returns, on the annual reports of sundry Grand Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Finance, on the application of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, for the refunding of the amount paid for sundry Rituals, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8734, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, on the memorial of WINFIELD S. TOMPKINS, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8735, from the same committee, on "The session at Toronto," as referred to by the Grand Sire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Grand Secretary's report relating to "Library," etc., was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolutions of Harmony Lodge, No. 3, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, on the subject of the hall occupied by Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, and Harmony Lodge, No. 3, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8736, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on a question from the Grand Encampment of West Virginia, on the subject of benefits to a brother who becomes blind, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the communication from the Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, relating to the Ritual, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved that the subject be laid on the table, which was agreed to, 82 voting in the affirmative, and 17 in the negative.

The next report, page 8737, from the Committee on Petitions, on the memorial of T. B. ROBINSON, P. G., of Templar Lodge, No. 17, California, relating to benefits, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, addressed the Lodge on the subject.

Rep. COURTNEY, of Virginia, moved that Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, be allowed ten minutes additional time to debate the question, which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the report,

Rep. CAPPELLER, of Ohio, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the memorial of T. B. ROBINSON, P. G., relating to his expulsion from Templar Lodge, No. 17, California, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, moved to amend by striking out the resolution, and from the last sentence of the report, all after the word "committee," and insert "asks to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject."

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, moved the previous question, which was ordered, and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire?" which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

The next report, page 8738, from the Special Committee on the subject of deceased members of this Grand Body, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8739, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on a question from the Grand Encampment of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8749, from the Special Committee on the resolutions of Reps. COLLEDGE and PETTY, of the District of Columbia, submitting certain amendments to the Book of Forms, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. COLLEDGE, of the District of Columbia, moved the following:

That the report be recommitted, with instructions to the committee to report in favor of the proposed amendments to the Book of Forms, as submitted by the Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, on "the matter introduced by Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, and Rep. HILL, of Nevada," was considered in connection with the minority report on the same subject, page 8756.

Rep. ADKISON, of Nevada, moved that the minority report be adopted.

Rep. CROCKER, of Illinois, moved the previous question, which was ordered, and put as follows: "Will the Lodge

adopt the minority report?'' which was not agreed to. The question being on the majority report, it was adopted.

On motion of Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, the Committee on the Establishment of the Order in Europe was discharged.

Rep. WHEELER, of Nebraska, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of this session, after this day.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be, and they are hereby, authorized to refund to the Revision Sub-Committee the sum of $117, viz.: T. P. SHAFFNER, 470 miles, $47.00, 4 days, $20.00, $67.00; H. F. GAREY, 100 miles, $10.00, 1 day, $5.00, $15.00; J. B. NICHOLSON, 90 miles, $9.00, 1 day, $5.00, $14.00; J. W. STOKES, 90 miles, $9.00, 1 day, $5.00, $14.00; J. P. SANDERS, 20 miles, $2.00, 1 day, $5.00, $7.00; that being the amount actually and necessarily expended by them, out of their individual funds, in carrying out the work assigned them at Toronto.

Rep. WHEELER, of Nebraska, moved that when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it shall stand adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock, which was agreed to, 45 voting in the affirmative, and 35 in the negative.

Rep JONES, of Maryland, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Rep. SERVOSS of Michigan, would respectfully report, that they have given the matter due consideration, and submit the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be, and they are hereby, directed to have the Ceremony of Installation for Rebekah Degree Lodges bound in the same book with the Ritual of that Degree, after the present stock now on hand is disposed of.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. M. JONES, JOSHUA VANSANT,
JOHN T. GIVEN, EDWARD H. SPENCER.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee, to whom were referred the memorials of Americus Lodge, No. 1, Barbados; Phœnix Lodge, No. 2, and Arizona Lodge, No. 1, Arizona; Caddo Lodge, No. 1, Indian Territory; Harmony Lodge, No. 3, Honolulu; and Gateway City Lodge, No. 4, Manitoba; asking for a reduction of their

assessment, respectfully report, that they are satisfied the assessment, as now provided, is too great, being ten per cent. on their receipts. This is provided for in Article XIV, Section 3, of the Constitution, and it can only be reduced by an amendment of the Constitution.

Your committee, therefore, submit the subjoined amendment, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEBBINS, HENRY F. GAREY, ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,
FRED. CARLETON, J. B. GOODWIN.

Amend Section 3 of Article XIV of the Constitution, by striking out in the last line after the word "Lodge," the word "ten," and insert "five," so that the section will read as follows:

SECTION 3.—Dues from Subordinate Lodges or Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, five per cent. on their receipts.

J. W. STEBBINS, of New York.
HENRY F. GAREY, of Maryland.
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania.
FRED. CARLETON, of Texas.
J. B. GOODWIN, of Georgia.

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was recommitted the report in connection with the question certified by the Grand Lodge of Washington, respectfully report, that in addition to the report heretofore submitted, your committee would say, in order to exclude a conclusion, that they do not wish to be understood as in any way intimating that a soldier, wherever stationed, cannot become a member of a Lodge at the place of his station in accordance with the provisions of Article XVI, Section 3, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge; nor that a soldier *permanently* stationed at any point does not, *ipso facto*, acquire such a residence there, under the laws of the Order, as makes him eligible to membership in a Lodge at the place where he is so stationed.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. BUSBEE, C. A. ROBBE, ALFRED SLACK,
J. H. WHITE, H. D. WALKER, JOHN N. GALE,
L. F. MCKINNEY, C. MILLER, JOHN G. CLARK.

On motion of Rep. HILL, of Nevada, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

SATURDAY, September 24, 1881—8 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

LUTHER J. GLENN.....Grand Sire.
ERIE J. LEECH.....Deputy Grand Sire.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....Grand Treasurer.
THEODORE A. ROSS.....Assistant Grand Secretary.
BELDEN SEYMOUR.....Grand Marshal.
J. T. HORNIBROOK.....Grand Guardian.
CHARLES H. GATCH.....Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
ISAAC M. VEITCH.....Missouri.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.
JOHN W. STOKES.....Pennsylvania.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Prayer by Rep. Rev. L. F. McKINNEY, of New Hampshire.

By order of the Grand Sire, the Deputy Grand Sire declared the Sovereign Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On motion of Rep. FLEMING, of West Virginia, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. COLLEDGE, of the District of Columbia, the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, page 8791, Journal, on the subject of a revised Digest.

The question being on the report,

Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, moved that the blank in the first resolution be filled with "three thousand," (number of copies,) and the blank in the second resolution with "five thousand," (amount to be appropriated,) which was agreed to, and the report as amended was adopted.

Rep. APPERSON, of Oregon, laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution:

Resolved, That Section 1 of Article IX of the Constitution be amended, so as to read as follows:

SECTION 1.—Grand Representatives shall be chosen by the several State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments for the term of four years, and shall be divided into two classes, whose seats shall be vacated biennially. If vacancies occur by death, resignation, or otherwise, during the recess of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of any State, District, or Territory, such vacancies shall be filled in the manner pointed out by the Constitution of such State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment; *provided*, that the terms of the class whose seats will be vacated under former law, after the *annual* session of 1883, shall not expire until after the *biennial* session of 1884.

Amend Article XII, of the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge, so that the same shall read as follows:

This Grand Lodge shall meet *biennially* on the third Monday of September, at nine o'clock A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called, and in no case shall any business be transacted at any special meeting, except that specified in the call of the Grand Sire.

Provided, That if at any time the Grand Lodge shall determine that the next succeeding session shall be held at any city located so far south as to render it impracticable to hold such session in the month of September, then it shall have the power to determine the time when such session shall be held.

And, provided further, That if by reason of any pestilence prevailing at or in the vicinity of the place designated for the meeting of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Sire shall deem it expedient to change either the time or place of such meeting, the Grand Sire shall have the power to call the next meeting of the Grand Lodge at such time and place, not later than the first Monday of January next after the third Monday of September, as he shall deem expedient.

Amend Article XIII, Section 4, so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 4.—A journal of its proceedings shall be kept, and published biennially, except such proceedings as are had in secret session.

Amend Article XXI so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XXI.—This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by a proposition therefor, made in writing, at a regular communication, by one or more Representatives from three different jurisdictions, which shall be entered on the Journal, and lie over until the next regular communication. At the next regular communication after being offered, such proposed alteration or amendment may be considered, and if agreed to by a three-fourths vote of the members present, on a call of the yeas and nays, such proposed alteration or amendment shall become part of this Constitution.

J. T. APPERSON, of Oregon. JOHN KENWORTHY, of Oregon.
E. G. D. HOLDEN, of Michigan. WM. W. MORROW, of California.
T. O. BARKER, of Oregon. ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania.

On motion of Rep. HERRING, of Texas, the Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

After some time passed in secret session, the ordinary business session was resumed, when

Bro. STOKES, P. G. Sire, moved that the time of adjournment be extended indefinitely, which was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. COLLEDGE, of the District of Columbia, the proposed amendment to Section 1 of By-Law XXVIII, page 8753, Journal, was considered.

The question being on the amendment, it was unanimously adopted, Section 1 of Article XXVIII to read as follows :

SECTION 1.—There shall be appointed at each annual session, immediately before the final adjournment, a Committee on Printing Supplies, to consist of five members, including the Assistant Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer.

Rep. JOHNSON, of California, moved to amend and correct the Journal of Friday, Sept. 23d, 1881, as follows, viz. :

Insert after the word "negative" in line six, page 8766:
"The Grand Sire decided, in reply to a question propounded by Rep. JOHNSON, of California, that the Sovereign Grand Lodge had adopted the report and resolution of the committee as amended by the addition of the first resolution introduced by Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania."

Which was agreed to.

Rep. Cox, of Indiana, moved to reconsider the vote by which the majority report of the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, page 8749, Journal, was adopted, which was not agreed to.

On motion of Rep. COLLEDGE, of the District of Columbia, the Lodge proceeded to consider the reports of committees as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 8755, from the Committee on Correspondence, on the general correspondence of the Grand Secretary, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8756, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitutions of Pima Lodge, No. 3, Arizona; Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico; and Port La Joie Encampment, No. 13, Lower Provinces, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, on the subject of appropriate jewels for Officers and Past Officers of Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8757, from the Legislative Committee, on the preamble and resolution of Rep. BUDD, of Tennessee, on the subject of an "Endowment Plan," was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, on the annual report of the Grand Secretary, and accompanying documents relating to foreign jurisdictions, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8790, from the Judiciary Committee, on the resolution of Rep. COURTNEY, of Virginia, "that the adoption of a report of the Committee on Appeals is simply an approval by this Grand Lodge of the conclusion of the committee in the particular case reported upon, and does not commit this Body to any statements of the laws of the Order, which may be contained in the body of the report," was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8791, from the Committee on Finance, on the letter of Bro. C. G. HILL, England, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8792, from the same committee, on sundry bills submitted to the committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8793, from the same committee, on the estimated receipts and expenditures for the year ending August 31, 1882, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8795, from the Committee on Petitions, authorizing the Grand Sire to issue a Warrant for the Grand Encampment of Wyoming, was considered and adopted

The next report, page 8800, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, on the subject of the Degree of Rebekah Charge and Installation Books, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, on the subject of dues of Subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 8801, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the subject of their report on initiating enlisted men, recommitted, was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. COLLEDGE, of the District of Columbia, the rule requiring reports to lay on the table one day, was suspended for the remainder of the session.

Rep. HALLEY, of Indiana, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was considered:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee, to whom was referred the following from Past Grand JOHN LONG, of Naomi Lodge, No. 1, District of Columbia:

"A certain lady was a member of Naomi Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, and became suspended for N. P. D. While under suspension her husband died. She afterward remarried. Her second husband is not an Odd Fellow, and she desires to be reinstated in her Lodge.

"Query: Can she be reinstated in her Lodge, her husband not being connected with the Order?"

Recommend the reference of the same to the Judiciary Committee, it being a question of law.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. HALLEY, B. NEWMAN, J. A. HAYNIE,
WM. D. HAY, JOSHUA DAVIS, H. ALTMAN.

Rep. ORENDORFF, of Illinois, moved to postpone the further consideration of the report until the next annual session, which was not agreed to.

The question being on the report, it was adopted.

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the *query* of JOHN LONG, P. G., of Naomi Lodge, No. 1, D. of R., to Grand Sire L. J. GLENN, and by him submitted to this Grand Body, referred to the Committee on the Degree

of Rebekah, and from thence to this committee, found on page 8637, Journal, have considered the same, and answer said *query* as follows:

Upon the facts stated, the sister cannot be reinstated in her Lodge. This results both from suspension and change of relation.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. HERRING,	HENRY C. HEDGES,	A. ORENDORFF,
E. G. BUDD,	JOHN F. WALLICK,	J. HAM PERRY,
SAM'L F. GWINNER,	JOHN C. UNDERWOOD,	THOS. HARDIE.

Rep. HAYNIE, of Texas, submitted the following protest:

The undersigned enters this his protest against the action of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, had yesterday, to wit: "*Resolved*, That on and after July 1st, 1882, all the business of the Subordinate Lodges shall be transacted in the Third Degree, or the Degree of Truth. The Lodge shall open in each Degree for the purpose of conferring the Degrees, and each Degree shall be conferred when it is opened in that Degree," (Journal, page 8691,) for the following reasons:

1. The resolution is retroactive in its application to members of the Order who have heretofore taken the First and Second Degrees, or Degrees of Friendship and Brotherly Love.

2. Because the change is radical and injurious, and calculated to disturb the peace and harmony of the Order.

3. Because it disfranchises one-fourth of the entire membership of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Subordinate jurisdictions.

4. Because it will destroy the rights and privileges of traveling brethren of the First and Second Degrees, in this, that a Lodge opened in the Third Degree does not allow brothers of the First and Second Degrees admittance.

5. The confusion the law will produce in Subordinate Lodges of Jurisdictions, when visiting brothers of the First or Second Degree desire to visit such Lodges.

6. More especially because there is no legislation enacted by this Sovereign Grand Lodge defining the rights and privileges of the members of the First and Second Degrees.

7. Because First and Second Degree members have no voice in the assessment of said Lodge, or vote in election of Officers of their Subordinate Lodges—no right to sit on committees, or solicit or sign a petition for membership, thereby depriving brothers of the First and Second Degrees from using the time-honored rights and privileges of the Order, thereby destroying their influence for good.

8. Because of the additional expense, and necessary change in books.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HAYNIE.

Bro. STOKES, P. G. Sire, moved the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, This Grand Lodge, after mature and deliberate consideration, has decided that the time has now arrived to make a change in the mode of transacting the business of the working Lodges, and fully recognizing the difficulty that may occur in some localities having a membership without the requisite qualifications for participating in the business of the Lodge, desires to give an expression of the deep interest it feels in the entire success of this important movement; therefore,

Resolved, That it recommends to the different jurisdictions the exercise of a liberal policy in authorizing the conferring upon all such members, either gratuitously or for a mere nominal charge, the requisite Degrees to enable the entire Fraternity to participate in the business of the Lodges under the new organization, protecting the Lodges where laws graduate their benefits

according to the Degrees taken, from the payment of such increased benefits to the members accepting the Degrees under all such arrangements.

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, raised the point of order that the amendment to By-Law XXVIII (adopted, page 8804,) was illegal.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, the point of order was laid on the table.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, submitted the following protest:

I hereby protest against the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in correcting the Journal of yesterday, for the reason that the *substitute* offered by me was to take the place of the resolution of the Legislative Committee upon the subject of Subordinate Lodges working in the Third Degree, and that so much of said substitute as was adopted superseded the resolution of said committee; and when the final vote was taken it was upon the question as amended, which then consisted only of the first resolution of the substitute.

SAMUEL F. GWINNER.

Rep. JOHNSON, of California, addressed the Grand Sire as follows:

GRAND SIRE:—Before offering the resolution I have prepared, I desire to make some remarks in reference thereto.

It is a duty of man, individually or collectively to express, an appreciation of the labor of those entrusted with the cares of office when such labor has been well done. More particularly is this an imperative obligation when the heart can unite with the head in giving praise, and when, as in the present case, Brother can say good words of Brother, the duty becomes a pleasure of rarest joy. It has been my fortune, Grand Sire, to have witnessed the proceedings of many Lodges and Conventions, of Legislatures and Councils, and to observe and feel the conduct of many presiding officers, and I can truthfully say that I have never known of any officer entrusted with the duty of managing the deliberations of a representative body, who tried harder, or succeeded better, in giving a kind and impartial leader to the body he presided over, than you have, Grand Sire, during the present session of this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Your rulings have always been prompt and clear, your decisions uniformly just, and your treatment of each and every member, kind, impartial, and gentlemanly.

I can speak, sir, feelingly and truthfully upon this matter, for I, like many others, am a new member, and in common with the other neophytes can bear willing testimony to your exceeding and successful wish to give "us boys" an equal show with the more experienced members of this Grand Lodge.

I would be wanting in common gratitude, I would be derelict to the teachings of humanity, I would be falling far short of my duty, did I not, however feebly, express thus publicly, my appreciation of the qualities as an honest man, a true Odd Fellow, and a skilled parliamentarian, that have enabled you to illustrate your kind nature and warm heart, while maintaining order and facilitating the work of this Sovereign Body.

To the end that the members of this entire Lodge may put upon record their cordial appreciation of your conduct, and their endorsement of my humble tribute, I move the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Sovereign Grand Lodge be, and they are

hereby, tendered to the Grand Sire, LUTHER J. GLENN, for the able, impartial and kindly manner in which he has presided over this ssssion.

The resolution, (Deputy Grand Sire LEECH in the Chair), was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The Grand Sire addressed the Lodge as follows:

REPRESENTATIVES:—This unexpected expression of your approval of my course as your presiding officer, is very grateful to my feelings; and for it, accept my thanks.

In the administration of this office, next to the approval of my own conscience, I value and esteem your good opinion.

I embrace this opportunity to return you my thanks for the kind and courteous indulgence you have extended to me during the session; and in this connection, I desire to say, that, if by any ruling I have made, or by any act of omission or commission, I have hurt the feelings of any member, I now, and here, humbly beg his pardon, and ask him to charge it to my head and not to my heart.

I accepted this office, at Toronto, with great diffidence, and a deep sense of its responsibility. I then promised to do my best in the discharge of the duties devolved upon me. During the past year I have labored to redeem that promise, and shall continue so to do, if life be spared, to the end of my term.

I trust we shall all meet at Baltimore, in September next. But should we never meet again, rest assured, my brothers, you have, and will carry with you, my best wishes for your future well-being and prosperity. I hope each and every one of you will have a safe and pleasant return to his home; and that on reaching it, wife, children, and friends may be found in the enjoyment of good health.

On motion of Rep. FARNSWORTH, of California, it was

Resolved, That Rep. JOHNSON, of California, and the Grand Sire, be requested to furnish the Grand Secretary with a copy of their eloquent remarks, just listened to by the Grand Lodge, for publication in the Revised Journal.

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, moved the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary, in publishing in the appendix to the Journal, the proceedings connected with the unveiling of the monument in Spring Grove Cemetery, be requested to insert an engraving of the structure, furnished to him by the Monumental Association.

The Grand Sire announced the following committees:

On Alterations in the Ritual to enable Subordinate Lodges to work in the Third Degree.—Reps. GAREY, of Maryland; BUSBEE, of North Carolina; HAZLETT, of Ohio; JAKES, of Delaware; HOKE, of West Virginia.

On Degree for Uniformed Patriarchs.—Reps. CROCKER, of Illinois; ELLIOTT, of Wisconsin; ALBIN, of New Hampshire; COLLEDGE, of District of Columbia; HEESEMAN, of South Carolina.

On Forms of Procession.—Reps. WHITE, of New York; HUNGERFORD, of Connecticut; KENWORTHY, of Oregon; FURNALD, of Colorado; JONES, of North Carolina.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, moved the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby, instructed to properly convey the thanks of this Grand Lodge to Brothers CHARLES N. HICKOK, and J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania; CHARLES WOLFORD, and ROB MORRIS, of Kentucky; and JOHN W. STEBBINS, of New York, the authors of the respective Encampment Odes, and Professor E. S. NASON, *of* Massachusetts, composer of the music for the same, who were reported by the Committee on Revision at this session.

Further, *Resolved*, That the said Secretary convey to Bro. WILLIAM REINECKE, of Kentucky, the special thanks of this Grand Lodge for the very satisfactory translation of the Encampment Ritual into the German language, as reported by the Committee on Revision at this session.

Rep. COURTNEY, of Virginia, moved the following, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That our thanks are due, and are hereby tendered, to Assistant Grand Secretary, THEO. A. ROSS, for the efficient, and specially courteous manner in which he has discharged the arduous duties of the office of Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, during the session now about to close.

The Grand Sire announced the following:

Committee on Printing Supplies.—Reps. JONES, of Maryland; SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania; EWBANKS, of Delaware; Assistant Grand Secretary ROSS; Grand Treasurer VANSANT.

Sub-Committee on Finance.—Reps. MCCAHAN, of Maryland; BLANKS, of Virginia.

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, addressed the Lodge, when

Rep. CAPPELLER, of Ohio, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, be requested to furnish a copy of his remarks for publication in the Revised Journal.

In reply to an application for a copy of the address, the following was received:

YONKERS, N. Y., October 4, 1881.

Bro. Ross:

Your favor of 3d inst. just received. In regard to the resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, "that I be requested to furnish a copy of remarks for publication in the Revised Journal," I have to say, that it is impossible for me to do so. The remarks made by me were extemporaneous, and, of course, without notes. Hence, I pray you, have me excused.

Yours, fraternally, JAMES P. SANDERS.

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, moved that the Grand Lodge do now adjourn *sine die*, which was adopted.

The Lodge being called up, the Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

O eternal, invisible, and only wise God, incline, we beseech Thee, Thine ear to our calling; and let the voice of our prayer and thanksgiving enter

into Thy presence. Thou hast brought us to the close of another session; and we pray that the work accomplished may prove of lasting benefit to our Order, and to the general interests of benevolence and charity. We ask Thy blessing upon our Fraternity, through all the world. May every member adorn its principles and teachings in daily life, and thus commend it to others.

Preserve us, O Lord, from the dangers to which we may be exposed in traveling; conduct us safely to our homes and families, and fill our hearts with gratitude to Thee, our Ruler and Guide. Be with us through life's journey, and enable us so to pass through this world of sin and temptation, that we may at last reach the heavenly Canaan, and enjoy the rest which remaineth for Thy people.

"Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen."

The Representatives united in singing the Closing Ode of the Order, on the conclusion of which,

The Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the Grand Sire, proclaimed the Sovereign Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

Thos. A. Rolfe

Assistant Grand Secretary.

GERMAN EMPIRE.

Under date of November 25th, 1881, Bro. F. MEYENDORF, Grand Secretary, furnished the following as the condition of the Order for the year ending June 30th, 1881:

Grand Lodges, 4; Subordinate Lodges, 45; initiated, 216; admitted by card, 73; reinstated, 26; withdrawn by card, 268; suspended, 96; deceased, 13; rejected, 8; members, June 30th, 1881, 1,815; receipts, $16,225.00; paid for benefits, $2,864.00. Encampments, 4; initiated, 10; admitted by card, 1; reinstated, 2; withdrawn by card, 7; suspended, 2; receipts, $180.88.

PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT DURING THE SESSION.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be, and he is hereby, requested to record in the Journal of each session the names of Past Grand Representatives who may be present (and report to said Officer), and that a copy of the Revised Journal be mailed to each Past Grand Representative whose name may appear therein.—*Journal*, 1870, page 4861.

NAME.	JURISDICTION.	RESIDENCE.
John W. Smith	Connecticut	Waterbury, Connecticut.
J. Norwood Clark	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa.
William White	Kentucky	Louisville, Kentucky.
T. T. Parson	Missouri	St. Louis, Missouri.
William H. Thompson	Missouri	St. Louis, Missouri.
Charles C. Housel	Nebraska	Omaha, Nebraska.
Benjamin T. Bright	New Jersey	Bridgeton, New Jersey.
James D. Cleaver	New Jersey	Newark, New Jersey.
D. W. C. Langdon	New York	Brooklyn, New York.
George Haskins	New York	243 Broadway, New York.
Benjamin C. True	Ohio	Cincinnati, Ohio.
William F. Slater	Ohio	Chicago, Illinois.
Henry Lindenberg	Ohio	Columbus, Ohio.
Thomas Spooner	Ohio	Glendale, Ohio.
William B. Kennedy	Ohio	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Charles H. Babcock	Ohio	Cleveland, Ohio.
James A. Armstrong	Ohio	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Jacob H. Clemmer	Ohio	Cincinnati, Ohio.
William N. Ford	Ontario	St. Mary's, Ontario.
A. Purves	Ontario	St. Catharine's, Ontario.
J. P. Prescott	Tennessee	Memphis, Tennessee.
M. E. Wilcox	Tennessee	Clarksville, Tennessee.
P. T. Phillips	Tennessee	Nashville, Tennessee.
John W. Hudson	Wisconsin	Madison, Wisconsin.
Peter Van Vechten, Jr.	Wisconsin	Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

APPENDIX.

THE RECEPTION AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

Excursion to the Soldiers' Home, Dayton, Saturday, September 17th.

Welcome of the Sovereign Grand Lodge by the Authorities of the State of Ohio, the City of Cincinnati, and the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Monday, September 19th.

Ceremonies on the Occasion of Unveiling the Odd Fellows' Monument in Spring Grove Cemetery, Tuesday, September 20th.

The Officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge assembled at Cincinnati on Saturday, 17th of September, pursuant to the following notice:

The Committee on Entertainment, desirous of not interfering with the business of the SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE when in session, invite the members of that Body to be present and participate in an excursion to be given in their honor, on Saturday, the 17th of September. It is proposed to visit the NATIONAL MILITARY HOME near Dayton, sixty miles from Cincinnati. It is located one and a half miles west of Dayton, upon high ground, overlooking the city and the lovely valley of the Miami for miles around. The Home is the largest institution of its kind in the world, and one of the most attractive places in the United States. Upon arrival at Dayton, the SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, and accompanying brethren, will be met and received by P. G. Sire CRAIGHEAD, and the brethren of Dayton and vicinity.

W. B. KENNEDY, P. G. R., *Chairman.* THOS. B. HORTON, *P. G., Sec'y.*
CHAS F. WILSTACH, P. G. R., SAMUEL J. MOSES, P. G. P.,
HENRY BOHL, P. G., *Committee on Invitation.*

The introductory to the Sovereign Grand Lodge meeting for 1881, was an excursion to Dayton and the Soldiers' Home. The morning of September 17th was beautiful in every particular, and about seven hundred invited

guests and citizen Odd Fellows, assembled at the C. H. & D. depot, and at nine o'clock a train of ten cars started for the beautiful city of Dayton and the Soldiers' Home.

There were on board Representatives from every section of our own country, from Maine to Texas and from the Carolinas to California, with a goodly number from Canada and foreign countries. The introductions and hand-shakings were warm and impressive, and although strangers, all seemed bound together in the bonds of a common brotherhood closer than any mere casual acquaintance, or business acquaintance or relationship could bind them.

A Committee of seven members from Dayton, viz.: P. G. Sire CRAIGHEAD, GEORGE PARROTT, RICHARD PERVINE, Judge J. L. H. FRANK, JAS. TURNER and CHAS. ROSCHKE, met the train at Middletown, and took charge of the excursionists. There was also a Reception Committee, consisting of JAS. ANDERTON, S. F. WEITZEL, W. C. SLIFER, G. W. KEMP, ADAM WEBER, R. H. STIVER and I. C. WHITTAKER, who were in waiting at the depot.

AT THE HOME.

It was nearly one o'clock before the members had all arrived at the Home Chapel, and were called to order by Hon. JAS. TURNER, Chairman of the local committee. In a few words he introduced to the audience General M. R. PATRICK, Governor, who then formally and cordially bade the Odd Fellows welcome to the Home.

ADDRESS OF GENERAL PATRICK.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—For I perceive there are ladies here as well as gentlemen who are Odd Fellows, although I do not see why the name *Odd* Fellows obtains in reference to them, since they are so much given to *mating*. I welcome you all to our beautiful Home.

Although it has never been my pleasure to belong to your Order, I recognize the good it has done and is doing all over the land. You have come from distant places, but I recognize the great bond of brotherhood which holds you together. You are necessarily bound together because you are bound to one common head. In that spirit, therefore, by which you are actuated in reference to each other, I welcome you to this Home.

I welcome you cordially, and trust that you will find much here that will profit and interest you, and I trust that this session will be one of great pleasure and profit to you, and that the memory of this day will be bright in your minds.

After General PATRICK's brief, but excellent address, Hon. Sam'l CRAIGHEAD, in behalf of the Odd Fellows and citizens of Dayton, bade the visitors welcome to the city.

ADDRESS OF SAMUEL CRAIGHEAD, P. G. SIRE.

Mr. President, Governor Patrick, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am charged with a grave duty to-day. In addition to the appropriate words you have already been presented with, I bid you welcome not only to this Home, but also to the city, to which you will soon be conducted.

These meetings come to be occasions not only of general public interest, but of gratification and pleasure to the community in which they are held.

You have come from every State of the Federal Union. You have come from countries other than our own. You come not in the interests of any party or creed, but in the interests of the highest and best motives of humanity. You represent profession and trade. You come to do what you may to dignify and elevate the character of your fellow-man.

Coming on such a mission, it was a happy thought that directed you to the Soldiers' Home. Every one comes to the Home. It has come to be a shrine, and everybody is better for visiting it. Its temples, its groves and its lawns I hope you will enjoy to-day.

It would be strange, indeed, if it were not a place of interest, cared for as it is by the whole people. Its managers are wise and good men. One is the President of the United States, whose protracted sickness has drawn sympathy, not only from Americans, but from the whole world, and whose precarious condition to-day fills all hearts with anxiety.

But however pleasant your visit here will be, your stay will not be complete until you have seen more of the city down on the river banks.

Daytonians are proverbial for their prides, and before you leave you must see that they have some excuse for being proud. They do not underrate other cities. They are willing to admit that New York, San Francisco, London and Berlin are good enough of the kind; but still they claim that if Dayton were blotted from the map, the world would be without a model city.

Bro. CRAIGHEAD referred then to the good accomplished all over the Mississippi Valley by Odd Fellowship, which good, he said, is in no region more apparent than in this immediate neighborhood. He closed with a formal welcome to the members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and to their ladies as well.

Bro. TURNER then announced that owing to an accident to the Grand Sire, which prevented his being present, the Deputy Grand Sire, Bro. LEECH, would reply in behalf of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

ADDRESS OF ERIE J. LEECH, D. G. SIRE.

Mr. President and P. G. Sire Craighead:

I regret to say that our beloved Grand Sire is unable to be with us to day. You would have been much better entertained, and it would have been more pleasant to have been represented by him than a substitute. But in his absence, the duty—the very pleasant duty—devolves upon me, as his representative, and as the representative of these distinguished members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge upon this occasion, to return to the Odd Fellows and other citizens of Dayton, our most cordial and heartfelt thanks for the warm words of welcome you have so eloquently and heartily extended to us as we meet you here in this beautiful Home, so pleasantly situated near your own loved city of Dayton.

We have come up here at your kind invitation with our wives and daughters from every State and Territory of our beloved country, yea, from other lands than our own. We have gathered to your neighboring Queen City of Cincinnati, irrespective of party or creed, to deliberate upon the great principles which underlie our great fraternity. We come up here at your invitation to visit your city and this Home. And in connection with the Home you are pleased to allude to our beloved President, who now lies on a bed of languishing and pain in a far-off portion of our common country. As Odd Fellows we claim to be at least model citizens, and now, in view of the fact that the news is coming that the President is in a precarious and even dangerous condition, I suggest that you join with me in a silent invocation for a moment, to the Great Disposer of human events for his recovery. O, God! spare him, if it is Thy will; and yet, not our will, but Thine, O, Lord! be done.

You, sir, the distinguished Past Grand Sire, have in words eloquent, alluded to the great mission of our Order, and the great good it has accomplished throughout the length and breadth of our land. I could respond to those burning words with a willing mind, if necessary. But, sirs, Odd Fellowship needs no defense at this day. As Daniel Webster once said of Massachusetts, "There she stands, she speaks for herself." So with our Order. Its noble benefactions, distributed with willing hands, speak for themselves more eloquently than anything I might say.

And now I will not detain you any longer. There are other and more pleasing exercises in which we are soon to engage. We heartily accept your kind invitation, so freely and cordially uttered, and with you we will visit and view these beautiful grounds. We will accept your invitation to go with you to enjoy the sight-seeing around your growing and enterprising city, and join you in all the pleasures that may come to us upon this fraternal visit. And we feel assured that this occasion will be long remembered by all of us as one of the brightest periods in the history of our eventful lives. Again, sirs, allow me on behalf of the members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows whom I have the honor to represent, and their wives, to return to you our most fraternal and grateful thanks for the splendid reception extended to us this day.

He closed with formally thanking Governor PATRICK, Hon. SAM'L CRAIGHEAD and others, for their cordial welcome.

Before the guests left the chapel for lunch, Governor PATRICK informed them that after dinner all the doors of the Home, with the exception of certain parts of the Hospital, and other nooks and corners, would be open for their benefit, and they would be welcome to go wherever they pleased. This announcement was received with appreciative applause by the audience.

Such as bore tickets to the lunch then fell in line and marched to Phœnix Hall Pavilion, where loaded tables, tastefully trimmed with flowers, invited all to partake of an elegant lunch.

The large tent was elaborately but very tastefully decorated with large and small flags. The tables were dotted with bouquets of the choicest cut flowers and with small bronze statues. The stage presented a forest scene in the background. In the middle of the stage stood a large bronze statuary group representing "Jonathan and David." This was surrounded with flowers and tropical plants. During the time the guests were eating, delightful music was furnished by the Home Band, which won the deserved high compliments of its distinguished listeners. There were probably, in all, two hundred and fifty persons seated at the tables, and all were served in the best possible style.

It was about two o'clock when the guests arose from the tables. There were then two hours for sight-seeing, and in this there was no formality whatever. The Brown Guards, under Captain ALLEN, made a dress parade, doing themselves honor by their good drilling. It was half-past four o,clock, instead of four, when the train left the Home bearing the excursionists.

BACK TO THE CITY.

At the Union Depot they were met by carriages in waiting, and then in a long procession, consisting of fifty barouches and about one hundred other carriages, they were driven through the principal streets of Dayton. Odd

Fellows' Temple was thrown open at the disposal of the guests, and during the evening two receptions were given them.

On the return of the carriages, the visitors thronged the magnificent Odd Fellows' Temple—one of the finest in the country—where an elegant cold collation, with hot coffee, had been provided. The Temple was visited by hundreds, and all were well served, in the way of edibles, by the brethren and ladies of Dayton. It was a profuse preparation, and its informal character made it extremely enjoyable. All who were provided with tickets, whether Odd Fellows or not, were received and cordially entertained. Social converse and promenade were in order until the departure of the train for Cincinnati, and every one was pleased with this especial feature, where there was so much to enjoy and commend in the way of hospitality and good feeling. Music, songs and recitations were indulged in during the evening.

RECEPTION AND BANQUET.

The feature, however, of the whole Dayton entertainment tendered in honor of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, was the magnificent reception given by P. G. Sire Hon. SAMUEL CRAIGHEAD and his wife, at their palatial residence, 357 Third street. The reception commenced at eight o'clock, and was continued until the hour had arrived for the departure of the train homeward. It was a genuine *fête* of the cream of society—a hearty welcome extended by the generous host and hostess to the illustrious guests of the Order. The parlors and rooms of the whole house were thrown open to the throng of visitors, who, in continued succession, came in and went out during the evening, to the number at least of five hundred. It might have been considered almost a trying ordeal for Mr. and Mrs. CRAIGHEAD to be standing for a few hours in the parlor door, busily engaged in shaking the hands of the guests, as they walked in and were bid heartily welcome to the hospitality and festivities of the house. The large parlors and drawing-rooms and wide halls were covered with white linen, the whole scene being brilliantly illuminated with gas-jets from resplendent chandeliers. The parlors led into an open space, which had been expressly arranged and decorated for the occasion. Here, as well as in the parlors, a great number of small tables were set for the accommodation of the guests. On one side of the open space two large United States flags were tastefully arranged, and on the other there was a variety of flags, large Chinese lanterns setting these off to great advantage. In the dining-room a large table was set, loaded down with fruit, cake, and delicacies. In the centre was a magnificent *epergne*, topped by a sheaf of oats, beneath which, in successive layers, lay peaches, oranges, and grapes, intermingled with flowers. The mantels throughout the house were banked with rare flowers. The ladies were dressed in the richest costumes, and the gentlemen wore full evening dress suits. Refreshments of every choice description were served, and to every appearance enjoyed in the most social manner. Nor was there wanting an abundance of wine-lemonade, to refresh the inner man with moisture.

The Fourth Regiment Band, during the evening, played appropriate

airs in the Conservatory, where a platform had been erected for their use, adorned with flags, and made attractive by house-plants and exotics. After a most enjoyable evening had been spent in social and fraternal intercourse, the Cincinnati party and the members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at a late hour, returned to the depot, whence they were quickly conveyed in a special train to Cincinnati, arriving there at one o'clock. It was altogether a memorable day in the history of Odd Fellowship in this country, and will not so easily be forgotten by those who had the pleasure of participating in the excursion, and witnessing the generous hospitality and cordial greeting of the Dayton brethren. Too much praise cannot be accorded the Odd Fellows of Dayton for the completeness of all the arrangements. From the beginning to the end the excursion was a success, and the reception of P. G. Sire CRAIGHEAD was one of the most brilliant social events that has ever occurred in the city of Dayton.

WELCOME TO THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

The annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows opened on Monday, September 19th, at the Gas Company's Hall. The hall had been handsomely fitted up with a new table and chair for each Representative. The stage was adorned with growing plants, and the walls and ceiling were festooned with evergreens and decked with flags representing all the States and nations within the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

At nine o'clock the Grand Officers, Representatives, Past Grand Sires and Past Grand Representatives, numbering about two hundred and fifty, were escorted from their quarters at the Grand Hotel to the hall, by Uniformed Patriarchs from Rochester (N. Y.), the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Grand Encampment of Ohio, and Currier's Band. The Grand Lodge filed into the hall at half-past nine.

The meeting was called to order by the Hon. S. S. DAVIS, who, after noting the nature of the occasion, introduced Lieutenant-Governor A. HICKENLOOPER, who spoke as follows on behalf of the State:

GENERAL HICKENLOOPER'S SPEECH.

Members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge:

In the name of our people, and on behalf of our Chief Executive, who, I regret to say, is unavoidably absent, it affords me great personal and official pleasure to extend to you a kindly greeting and most cordial welcome to the State of Ohio—a State, which in the past has been no less honored by the number, wisdom, and purity of her statesmen than by the brilliant achievements of her sons in their unparalleled contest for national existence. She again finds herself honored by being permitted, for the second time in her history, to welcome the Supreme Representatives of an Order which, although less than a century old, to-day stands second to no other association of a similar character in the world, embracing in her membership in this State alone, fifty thousand of our best and most respected citizens, and with a record of having given in benefits and charity the munificent sum of thirty millions of dollars.

While you may not be able to clearly throw around this Order the traditional glory of our association with the building of a King Solomon's Temple,

you can consistently claim to have built for yourselves a temple grander and more enduring than any mere structure of granite or bronze—a temple resting upon an indestructible foundation of true frendship and brotherly love, and within the portals of which are to-day gathered together the representatives of every nation and of every clime, each vieing with the other in efforts to promote "peace on earth and good will to man."

At its gates the wealth of a Rothschild would avail naught in securing admission, and yet there the poor and needy brother knocks not in vain. No patent of nobility would alone be sufficient to secure to its possessor recognition within the charmed circle of its surroundings, and yet there the woe-burdened and grief-stricken widow is welcomed to sympathy and repose. Upon its walls hang no victorious banners or blood-stained implements of war, and yet within may be found the power to protect and courage to defend the fatherless wards of your Order.

To such an association it is not unnatural we should feel greatly indebted for the honor of this selection, and most earnestly do we pray that God's blessing may rest upon your every act, and when finally the time comes to say farewell, that only pleasant memories of your visit may accompany you to your widely scattered and far distant homes.

The speaker was most heartily applauded, and was followed on behalf of the city, in the absence of Mayor MEANS, by the Hon. BENJAMIN EGGLESTON, who addressed the meeting as follows:

ADDRESS OF HON. BENJAMIN EGGLESTON.

Brothers, Officers and Members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the World.

Representing the Mayor of our city, I welcome you to the city of Cincinnati with Friendship. I welcome you with Brotherly Love and with Truth. I desire to extend to you the welcome greetings of the entire people of the Queen City of the West. The Order you represent is not an ancient institution, having been established in this country in 1819. The present membership is 466,857, distributing about $4,000,000 annually to the widows and orphans and other benevolent objects. As the Representatives of such an Order I greet you. The Order was established in Ohio in 1830. The last surviving charter member passed away a few months since in this city—Brother C. W. THOMAS. He was a noble and honored member of the Order. Brothers, I welcome you to a young Western city: a city with the largest Music Hall in the world; a city with the best Fire Department on the continent; a city whose six per cent. bonds are worth 120 in the market; finally, a city of which our State is proud and our people are happy—the Paris of America, the Queen City of the West.

The address was warmly received, after which Bro. W. R. HAZLETT, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, addressed the Sovereign Grand Lodge as follows:

GRAND MASTER HAZLETT'S WELCOME.

Most Worthy Grand Sire, Officers and Members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge:

At the annual session of the Grand Lodge of Ohio in 1880, by a unanimous vote, they extended an invitation to you to hold your session this year in this city, and it gives the Order in this jurisdiction great pleasure that you have accepted that invitation, and to know, by the large attendance of your members this day, that it was accepted with the same unanimity that it was extended. And, as Grand Master of this jurisdiction, I take great pleasure, in the name and in behalf of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, in giving you a cordial and hearty

welcome. And in so doing, I but re-echo the sentiment, and express the fraternal love that throbs within the heart of not only those present, but also of every true Odd Fellow throughout the length and breadth of our State. The members of the Order have for months been looking forward to this meeting with pleasant anticipations, not only that they might form the acquaintance of those who composed the Senate of Odd Fellowship, of those who had labored so long and so earnestly for its prosperity and advancement, but also because they felt it was calculated to exert a beneficial influence on our Order; to inspire new life into them, and by their intercourse with you, to learn more and more the value of our principles.

Thirty-one years have passed since your Body assembled in this city. How many and great have been the changes since then! In reading over the roll of those present at that meeting, and then looking around at those now present, how few indeed do I see here now who participated in the deliberations of that session; not more, perhaps, than one or two. With many of those who were then prominent in our Order, life's labor is over, and they sleep the last long sleep of death. A feeling of sadness will naturally arise in our hearts as we realize that those loved ones, endeared to us not only on account of their inherent good qualities, but also by their devotion to the interests of our Order, have passed away, and that we shall see their faces no more. But the history of those men, their earnestness and devotion in disseminating the principles of Odd Fellowship, leaves us the assurance that their lives were not spent in vain, but that they labored to improve and elevate the condition of mankind; and we may therefore confidently believe that they have received from the Grand Master above that welcome plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

But while this feeling of sadness will naturally come over us, at the loss, to us, of these brothers, we are rejoiced to see so many here who have for years labored so faithfully in our cause; and we have reason for joy and gratitude that we have been spared to again meet and renew our past pleasant associations, exchange our friendly greetings and renew our obligations and devotion to our cherished Order. You come here from every section of our widely extended country. From the North, from the South, from the East, and from the West, all laying aside their sectional feelings and prejudices, and come together to work for the general good, all fraternally united as one man. Nay, more: other countries than our own are here represented. We have with us Representatives from the neighboring Dominion of Canada, whose people are as dear to us as the apple of the eye—fully as dear as though they were living under the protection of the same flag And although we are not one as a nation, we are one in the bonds of Odd Fellowship. You all labor in the interest of humanity, not only on this continent, but throughout the world, and it is a cause that is worthy of the noblest efforts of man, one which it is not only our duty to advocate, but should be our pleasure to pursue; a cause which recognizes the true mission of man to be fraternity, which unites men everywhere as brothers, bound together not only by common sympathy, but by common wants.

The teachings of our beloved Order are for the improvement and elevation of mankind, for drawing them together by the bonds of love, for the promotion of moral culture, and the suppression of vice in all its forms. Your mission should have the approval of every good citizen, for from its organization to the present time it has always been true to its principles. It seeks neither for political nor ecclesiastical power, nor does it intermeddle with any of the various sects and creeds, but devotes itself steadily and earnestly to its own special mission. By the bed of sickness, at the grave, in the home made desolate by death, and wherever the widow and orphans are found struggling with poverty, there is Odd Fellowship found doing its noble work.

With the past history of our Order we may justly feel proud, and with such principles as compose the foundation stones of the Temple of Odd Fellowship, its superstructure will withstand the ravages of time.

Only let us live up to the noble teachings of our Association in our daily walk, and our brothers and the world at large will be furnished with additional motives for engaging and persevering in the good work.

Let us then to-day thank our Heavenly Father for our success in the past; that Odd Fellowship has grown to be one of the permanent institutions engaged in the cause of humanity, commanding honor and respect both at home and abroad, and let us gird on our armor and "press on" with renewed zeal in the work of Friendship and Love.

And now, trusting that your sojourn among us will be full of pleasure to yourselves and profit to us, I again—with a heart burning with fraternal love—bid you, in the name of those I represent, and of our vast brotherhood at large, a hearty, cordial, and affectionate welcome.

The eloquent remarks of the Grand Master were heartily applauded, and the M. W. Grand Sire replied to the several speakers as follows:

ADDRESS OF LUTHER J. GLENN, GRAND SIRE.

My Brethren:—At our last session, held in Toronto, in the Dominion of Canada, in September, 1880, as has already been stated, an invitation from the Grand Lodge of Ohio was presented, through its Representatives, to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to hold its present session in the city of Cincinnati. The invitation was accepted by an unanimous vote, and in response thereto we meet here this morning.

For the cordial greeting, and warm, fraternal welcome to your State, city and jurisdiction, which you have extended to this Grand Body, I return you the hearty thanks of its officers and members. In reply to the very kind words in which you have conveyed this welcome, I beg your indulgence for a few moments. The people of Ohio, whom your Excellency represents to-day, have great cause to be proud of their State. Grand in its geographical proportions, unlimited and varied in its productive powers, health-producing and health-preserving in its climatic influences, prolific in great men, and unsurpassed in the grace and beauty of its fair daughters, Ohio must and will continue in the future, as in the past, to occupy a commanding position in the sisterhood of States which compose the American Union.

I have said that your State was prolific in great men; and so it is. And none greater than he, who to-day, at Elberon, languishes on a bed of pain and suffering—the victim of the assassin's bullet—and for whose early recovery, and restoration to his family and his country, from the heart of the civilized world, daily and nightly, prayers ascend to the throne of Him who holds in the hollow of His hand the destiny of men and of nations.

And the citizens of Cincinnati, Col. Eggleston, whom you represent on this occasion, and whose welcome you have so cordially extended, have just reason to be proud of their beautiful and growing city. Abounding in manufacturing establishments, distinguished for its commercial enterprise, its railroad facilities, its water communications, its intellectual culture and refined hospitality; but above all, in your own language, distinguished for having "the largest music hall in the world, and the best Fire Department on the American continent," Cincinnati must and will continue to be recognized as the reigning queen among her sister cities of the West.

Thirty-one years ago this Grand Body, then under the name of "The Grand Lodge of the United States," held its Twenty-sixth Annual Communication in this city.

By a strange sort of coincidence the distinguished brother who then presided over its deliberations came from the same jurisdiction in which the humble individual who addresses you this morning resides—the State of Georgia. Would that I possessed the ability and could command the eloquence of the lamented Griffin, suddenly cut off while yet in the morn-

ing of a brilliant manhood; then would I be enabled to express thoughts, and utter words worthy of this occasion.

Thirty-one years, 'tis true, is but a small segment in the cycle of time; and yet within this short period what changes, revolutions and events—some for good, others for evil—have crowded the history of the world! Almost an entire generation of the human race has passed off the stage of life. As remarked by Grand Master HAZLETT, few of those who were present, either as spectators or participants in the transaction of the business of the session of 1850, are here to-day. And, I may ask, thirty-one years hence, when this Grand Lodge shall hold its session in Cincinnati, or at some other place, (perhaps in some distant country,) how many of us who are here this morning will then be present to answer to the roll-call of the Grand Secretary? These thoughts furnish food for profitable reflection.

During this period the domain of science and art, knowledge and learning, has been widely extended. The investigations of the scientist and scholar have brought to light many of the hidden secrets of nature, and of the ages past and gone. The genius of enterprise has been crowned with the grandest results. Among them, a continent has been spanned with more than one iron railway, whereby a four-months' dangerous, tiresome journey overland, from ocean to ocean, has been reduced to a holiday excursion of but a few days. The earth has been girdled with an electric chain, by means of which the record of to-day's transactions in the more important places of the civilized world will be received and read in Cincinnati before to-morrow's sun shall have opened and drawn aside the curtains of his eastern couch. On the other hand, the governments of the world have felt the shock, so to speak, of more than one political earthquake.

War, with its destructive enginery, has desolated the fairest portions of Christendom. From its direful effects this country has not been exempt, but thank God! to-day the bow of peace, friendship and fraternity arches our skies. May its colors grow brighter, and the arch grow stronger, with the flight of passing years. May it be perpetual!

Amid all the changes and mutations which have marked these thirty-one years, our Order, despite the efforts of its enemies to retard its progress, has held on "the even tenor of its way." Wonderful has been its success—unprecedented in the history of human institutions. In the language of another, "it has stretched from the frozen regions of the North to the sunniest climes of the South. The boisterous lashings of the Atlantic mingle with its morning orisons, while the gentle roll of the Pacific harmonizes with its evening hymns." Yea, more: to-day the hearts of thousands of Odd Fellows—good men and true—outside of the United States, in the neighboring Provinces of Canada, in some of the countries of South America, in the isles of the sea, in antipodal Australasia, and in continental Europe, swell with pride and pleasure as in their imagination they see the banner of Odd Fellowship, emblazoned with its glorious motto of "Friendship, Love and Truth," floating over the Sovereign Grand Lodge in the city of Cincinnati.

In this triumphant march of the Order, on its grand mission to fraternize the world and bring the nations of the earth to recognize and act upon the great principle of the "Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man," your jurisdiction, Most Worthy Grand Master, has been no laggard.

In 1850 the Lodges in Ohio numbered only two hundred. At this time you have more than seven hundred. Then your membership was inside of ten thousand; to-day it reaches fifty thousand. Your revenues and your benefactions have increased in like proportion.

Meeting in this city and inhaling the atmosphere of a jurisdiction, in which "live, move, and have their being," fifty thousand active, working Odd Fellows, shall we not, Representatives, be inspired and prompted to a more zealous and faithful discharge of the duties devolved upon us? And, Most Worthy Grand Master, from the association and intercourse of the Odd Fellows of this jurisdiction with the Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, here assembled, may we not hope and believe that there will go out

an influence, which will be productive of much good and great benefit to the brotherhood in Ohio? But I may not detain you longer, for time passes, and business presses.

Again, for your warm greeting and cordial welcome I return you the grateful acknowledgments of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; and for the prosperity of the State of Ohio, of the city of Cincinnati, and of Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction, and for your individual welfare and happiness, accept our best wishes.

On the conclusion of these interesting ceremonies the visitors withdrew from the hall, and the Sovereign Grand Lodge was formally opened.

UNVEILING THE MONUMENT IN SPRING GROVE CEMETERY.

(*From the Cincinnati Gazette, September* 21*st.*)

Tuesday, September 20th, was a solemn day for the Odd Fellows in session in this city. It was an occasion of general grief for the loss of the nation and of deepfelt sympathy for the family of the dead President. At an early hour yesterday morning it was determined by the committees in charge to abandon the parade and have the unveiling of the monument with all simplicity of ceremony possible. It was resolved to observe the duty of solemn silence in consistency with the natural feeling of the whole people, that silence shows the greatest grief. The dignity of silence prevailed, and the day was spent in paying tribute to the virtues of the dead President. A joint meeting of the members of the Local and Monumental Committees was held at Odd Fellows' Temple at nine o'clock yesterday morning, and there it was positively decided to abandon the parade, reunion and concert at the Highland House last night, and the banquet at the Burnet House to-morrow night. The members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and those Odd Fellows who officially attended the unveiling of the monument at Spring Grove Cemetery were requested to wear badges of mourning. It was not generally known that the monument would be unveiled, hence there was, comparatively speaking, a light attendance at the Cemetery. There were, perhaps, one thousand spectators gathered about the monument, which was in the centre of an enclosure expressly made for the occasion. A platform on one side had been erected for the accommodation of the spectators, and the press were furnished with a table below. A tier of seats had been constructed in the enclosure for the accommodation of the members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and other invited guests, who were specially provided with tickets. The monument, of collossal size, was covered up to the top with white linen, arranged in such a manner that the cover might be dropped by means of pulleys. It was an interesting sight to see the many spectators, as they clustered in the shade of trees, reading the morning papers, or speaking to each other in a low tone of voice. The absorbing theme was the death of the President. At about twelve o'clock the members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge assembled at the Grand Hotel, took carriages, and were quietly conveyed to Spring Grove Cemetery, arriving there at half-past one o'clock in the afternoon. The Uniformed Patriarchs and a number of Lodges arrived on a special train over the Marietta and Cincinnati road at twelve o'clock. Of the Uniformed Patriarchs there were present corps from Rochester, N. Y.; Toronto, Ontario; Wabash, Indiana; Winchester, Indiana; Akron, Bow-

ling Green, Columbus, Dayton, Cincinnati, Springfield, and Toledo, Ohio; also a corps from Iowa.

After the members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Encampment of Ohio were seated within the enclosure, the unveiling exercises were solemnly introduced by JOHN P. MURPHY, of the Monument Committee, who announced that all demonstration, on account of the death of the President, had been abandoned for the unveiling, but that it had been deemed proper to make some recognition of an event which was interesting to so many thousands of Odd Fellows.

The Chaplain of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Rev. J. W. VENABLE, opened the exercises with a solemn prayer, appropriate to the subject, and full of tender sympathy for the loss of the nation and for the bereaved family, as follows:

"Almighty God, we are assembled here in deep silence, impressed with the grief and loss of the nation, and desirous of consecrating this beloved spot to the dead brothers who have passed from among us. We desire to mingle our tears and sympathies with the grieving family of the dead President; with the sorrowing wife and weeping children. May God's blessing comfort them in their desolation, and may God pour His blessings on all those present. May He be with us everywhere, and to His name alone be ascribed all the glory."

Hon. S. S. DAVIS, Chairman of the Monument Committee, hereupon formally delivered the monument to the Grand Lodge of Ohio. He said that it certainly was a source of great regret on the part of the thousands of Odd Fellows gathered in the city to dispense with all ceremony at the unveiling of the great statue, and yet a deeper sense of reverence, grief, and sympathy had taken possession of all in reference to the death of the President. Every heart beat in unison with the arrangement of dispensing with the programme. Yet it would seem proper, he said, on so solemn an occasion, that there should be something said about the grand monument which they were about to unveil. Here he gave a brief history of the project of building the Odd Fellows' Monument. Several years ago the Grand Lodge of Ohio had owned a lot in what was known as the Old Burying Ground. Subsequently they had purchased a knoll most beautifully situated in the new portion of the Cemetery. It then had been proposed to erect a grand monument for the dead brothers buried in the Cemetery. At the first meeting to carry out this project there were present twenty-eight members. A constitution and by-laws were adopted, by force of which no Lodge was allowed to contribute toward its erection, lest the revenues of the widows and orphan should be shortened. The money, amounting to twenty-five thousand dollars, was entirely raised by subscriptions and proceeds of various entertainments, such as fairs, etc. By one fair four thousand dollars had been realized. When a sufficient amount was raised the money was put in bonds. Several bids had been received, and the Cincinnati bid was finally accepted. The beautiful structure which was soon to be unveiled was the result not only of Odd Fellows' liberality, but the artistic work of Odd Fellows. He now, in the name of the Monument Association, was authorized to turn over the noble pile to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Bro. MURPHY then said: "We will now unveil this monument, dedicated to FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, and TRUTH, and as a memorial that the principles and purposes of Odd Fellowship shall endure forever."

The Grand Sire, LUTHER J. GLENN, accompanied by the officers of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, stepped forward and unveiled the monument. The sight of the artistic work caused enthusiasm among those assembled, declaring itself in applause, which, however, was of short duration, in deference to the dead President.

Bro. WILLIAM P. STRATTON closed the exercises with a Benediction in the form of a prayer, saying:

"Unto Thee, Father of Light, from whom cometh all blessings and every good, after these brief ceremonies of dedication we come to Thee with earnest hearts. We feel sad that one whom we delighted to honor has been taken away from among us. We commit him to Thy faithful keeping, and the dearly beloved ones who have been bereft of his care and example we commit unreservedly to Thy care. And now, Father, we ask that Thy richest blessings may be with us, and to Thy name be present and unceasing praise."

The monument consists of a triangular massive base, supporting triple columns combined, all of superb Quincy granite, the three columns being surmounted by a grand bronze statue. The base is seven feet in height, the columns seventeen and one-half feet, and the surmounting statue ten and one-half feet, making the entire monument thirty-five feet in height. On the granite base are three faces, in which are chiseled: "Relieve the Distressed," "Visit the Sick," and "Bury the Dead." Between these faces, and sunk in the stone, are three bronze tablets or panels, four feet and three-quarters in length by twenty-one inches in width, bearing in bas relief allegorical designs representing the three branches of the Order, "The Subordinate," "The Rebekah," and "The Encampment." The first is illustrative of David and Jonathan; the second, Rebekah at the well; and the third, a hospitable Patriarch welcoming an old and weary pilgrim to his tent. Above these, sitting at each corner of the pedestal supporting the Corinthian columns, are three bronze statues of beautiful women, representing "Friendship, Love, and Truth," the three magical words being chiseled in the granite at their feet. The figures, in their sitting posture, measure six feet two and one-half inches in height. Friendship extends the right hand of fellowship. In her left she holds a bundle of rods, indicative of the fact that "in union there is strength." Love has her hands folded over her bosom, and her face is beaming with gentleness and affection. Truth holds aloft in her hand the lamp that throws light into the dark places of the earth. These figures are well worthy of study. Aloft, ten and one-half feet in stature, with flowing beard and robes, is the proud old hero, Moses, bearing in his right hand his rod, and supporting with his left, against his thigh, the tables of the law. This bronze figure alone weighs three thousand pounds. At his feet, on the round pediment, is inscribed the date of the monument: "A. D. MDCCCLXXXI." Among the ornamentations below this are chiseled, in two places, the three links and the all-seeing eye.

MONUMENT, SPRING GROVE CEMETERY, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

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G. Lodge, Libbeus C. Tourtellot, P. D. G. M.....Woonsocket.
G. Lodge, *Gilbert F. Robbins*, P. G. M.....Providence.
G. Encampment, William S. Johnson, P. G. P.....Providence.
G. Encampment, *Lindsay Anderson*, P. G. Rep.....Providence.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

G. Lodge, *G. W. Curtis*, P. G. M.....Chester.
G. Encampment, *John Heeseman*, P. C. P.....Charleston.

SWITZERLAND.

G. Lodge, *Rudolph Weber*, P. G. M.....Zurich.

TENNESSEE.

G. Lodge, E. G. Budd. P. G. M.....Nashville.
G. Lodge, *George B. Boyles*, P. G. M.....Fayetteville.
G. Encampment, *Joseph L. Weakley*, P. G. M.....Nashville.

TEXAS.

G. Lodge, I. C. Stafford, P. G. M.....Houston.
G. Lodge, *M. D. Herring*, P. G. M.....Waco.
G. Encampment, Fred. Carleton, P. G. Rep.....Austin.
G. Encampment, *James A. Haynie*, P. G. Rep.....Waco.

UTAH.

G. Lodge, Edward L. Butterfield, P. G.....Salt Lake City.

VERMONT.

G. Lodge, John N. Gale, P. G. M.....Saint Johnsbury.
G. Lodge, *George H. Bigelow*, P. G. Rep.....Burlington.
G. Encampment, *Nelson C. Hyde*, P. G. P.....Poultney.

VIRGINIA.

G. Lodge, Alfred R. Courtney, P. G. M.....Richmond.
G. Lodge, *James B. Blanks*, P. G. M.....Petersburg.
G. Encampment, *E. B. Branch*, P. G. M.....Petersburg.

WASHINGTON.

G. Lodge, *Thomas N. Ford*, P. G. Sec'y.....Olympia.

WEST VIRGINIA.

G. Lodge, Thomas W. Fleming, P. G. M.....Fairmont.
G. Lodge, *J. T. Hoke*, P. G. M.....Keyser.
G. Encampment, John C. Vance, P. G. P.....Clarksburg.

WISCONSIN.

G. Lodge, Thomas H Brown, P G. M.....Milwaukee.
G. Lodge, *John G. Clark*, P. G. M.....Lancaster.
G. Encampment, Theodore B. Elliott, P. G. P.....Milwaukee.
G. Encampment, *James W. Ostrander*, P. G. M.....Jefferson.

WYOMING.

G. Lodge, H. Altman, P. G. Rep.....Cheyenne.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

a	Thomas Wildey, 1825–1833	Baltimore, Maryland.
b	James Gettys, 1833–1835	Georgetown, District of Columbia.
c	George Keyser, 1835–1837	Baltimore, Maryland.
d	Samuel H. Perkins, 1837–1840	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
e	Zenas B. Glazier, 1840–1841	Wilmington, Delaware.
f	John A. Kennedy, 1841–1843	New York City, New York.
g	Howell Hopkins, 1843–1845	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
	Thomas Sherlock, 1845–1847	Cincinnati, Ohio.
h	Horn R. Kneass, 1847–1849	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
i	Robert H. Griffin, 1849–1851	Savannah, Georgia.
	William W. Moore, 1851–1853	Washington, District of Columbia.
	Wilmot G. De Saussure, 1853–1855	Charleston, South Carolina.
j	William Ellison, 1855–1857	Boston, Massachusetts.
k	George W. Race, 1857–1858	New Orleans, Louisiana.
	Samuel Craighead, 1858–1860	Dayton, Ohio.
l	Robert B. Boylston, 1860–1862	Winnsborough, South Carolina.
	James B. Nicholson, 1862–1864	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
	Isaac M. Veitch, 1864–1866	St. Louis, Missouri.
	James P. Sanders, 1866–1868	Yonkers, New York.
	Edward D. Farnsworth, 1868–1870	San Francisco, California.
m	Frederick D. Stuart, 1870–1872	Washington, District of Columbia.
	Cornelius A. Logan, 1872–1874	Chicago, Illinois.
	Milton J. Durham, 1874–1876	Danville, Kentucky.
	John W. Stokes, 1876–1878	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
	John B. Harmon, 1878–1880	San Francisco, California.

a Died October 19th, 1861.
b Died August 15th, 1844.
c Died September 19th, 1837.
d Died May 22d, 1874.
e Died November 11th, 1858.
f Died June 20th, 1873.
g Died June 5th, 1858.
h Died December 12th, 1861.
i Died December 14th, 1855.
j Died August 23d, 1877.
k Died June 17th, 1881.
l Died September 5th, 1865.
m Died January 25th, 1878.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND SIRES.

John Welch, 1825–1829	Maryland.
Thomas Scotchburn, 1829–1833	Maryland.
Robert Neilson, 1833–1835	Maryland.
John Pearce, 1835–1837	Pennsylvania.
Frederick Leise, 1837–1840	New York.
William W. Moore, 1840–1841	District of Columbia.
Horn R. Kneass, 1841–1843	Pennsylvania.
William S. Stewart, 1843–1845	Missouri.
Albert Case, 1845–1847	South Carolina.
Newell A. Thompson, 1847–1849	Massachusetts.
Asher B. Kellogg, 1849–1851	Michigan.
Herman L. Page, 1851–1853	Wisconsin.
Horace A. Manchester, 1853–1855	Rhode Island.
George W. Race, 1855–1857	Louisiana.
Timothy G. Senter, 1857–1858	New Hampshire.
Edward H. Fitzhugh, 1858–1860	Virginia.
Milton Herndon, 1860–1862	Indiana.
William H. Young, 1862–1864	Maryland.
James P. Sanders, 1864–1866	New York.
Edward D. Farnsworth, 1866–1868	Tennessee.
Frederick D. Stuart, 1868–1870	District of Columbia.
Cornelius A. Logan, 1870–1872	Kansas.
Milton J. Durham, 1872–1874	Kentucky.
John W. Stokes, 1874–1876	Pennsylvania.
John B. Harmon, 1876–1878	California.
Luther J. Glenn, 1878–1880	Georgia.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRES FOR THE YEAR 1882.

Arizona.—CLARK CHURCHILL, P. G.....Prescott, Arizona.
Barbados, W. Indies.—ARCHIBALD BAYNE.....Bridgetown, Barbados.
British Columbia.—J. S. DRUMMOND, P. G. M.....Victoria, British Col.
Chile, South America.—ROBERT MOSER, G. Sec'y { P. O. Box 355, Valparaiso, Chile, South America.
Florida.—L. M. MERRITT, P. G.....Pensacola, Florida.
Idaho.—SAMUEL BECK, P. G.....Boise City, Idaho.
Indian Territory.—J. M. HARLEY, P. G.....Tishomingo, Indian Ter.
Lower Prov. B. N. A.—ANDRE CUSHING, P. G R...St. John, New Brunsw'k.
Manitoba.—GEORGE ANDREW, P. G .....Winnipeg, Manitoba.
Montana.—JOSEPH A. HYDE, P. G. Rep.....Butte City, Montana.
Netherlands.— ——— ———, ——— ———.....Amsterdam, Holland.
New Mexico.—JOHN RITTER, P. G.....Santa Fe, New Mexico.
Peru, South America.—WILLIAM LONG, P. G... { Calle del Muelle, No. 41, Callao, Peru, S. A.
Quebec.—JOHN HAMPDEN FIELD, P. G. Rep.....Montreal, Canada.
Sandwich Islands.—ROBERT LEWERS, P. G.....Honolulu, S. I.
Switzerland, Europe.—RUDOLPH WEBER, P. G. M.Zurich, Switzerland.
Utah.—F. AUERBACH, P. G. M.....Salt Lake City, Utah.
Washington.—H. G. STRUVE, P. G. M.....Seattle, Washington Ter.

LIST

Of Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries, Grand Patriarchs, Grand Scribes, and time and place of meeting of the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, as far as the same have been ascertained.

ALABAMA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Mobile, Tuesday, May 9th, 1882.

John D. Billings, M. W. Grand Master.....Eufaula.
William A. Shields, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Mobile.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Mobile, Tuesday, May 9th, 1882.

John P. Tillman, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Selma.
Lee R. McKee, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Selma.

ARKANSAS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Little Rock, Tuesday, October 10th, 1882.

Adam Clark, M. W. Grand Master.....Arkadelphia.
Albert Cohen, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Little Rock.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Little Rock, Tuesday, October 10th, 1882.

Isaac Pareira, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Little Rock.
Peter Brugman, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Little Rock.

AUSTRALASIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at ———, Monday, February 4th, 1882.

Michael Kidston, M. W. Grand Sire, 7 Collins St. East. Melbourne.
William Judge, R. W. Grand Secretary, Russell and Victoria Sts..... Melbourne.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Victoria will meet at Ballarat, Tuesday, February 21st, 1882.

John Braim, M. W. Grand Master..... Melbourne.
William Judge, R. W. Grand Secretary, Russell and Victoria Sts..... Melbourne.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of New Zealand will meet at Dunedin, Monday, March 20th, 1882.

John Boyd, M. W. Grand Master..... Dunedin.
William Reid, R. W. Grand Secretary..... Dunedin.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of South Australia will meet at Adelaide, August, —, 1882.

Henry Anders, M. W. Grand Master..... Adelaide.
Alfred Leane, R. W. Grand Secretary, 24 Rundle St... Adelaide.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of New South Wales will meet at Sydney, Tuesday, February 14th, 1882.

William E. Langley, M. W. Grand Master..... St. Leonard's, Sydney.
R. S. Cannon, R. W. Grand Secretary, Bathurst St.... Sydney.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Victoria will meet at Ballarat, Wednesday, February 22d, 1882.

William Judge, M. W. Grand Patriarch..... Melbourne.
E. A. Collis, R. W. Grand Scribe, 7 Collins St. East... Melbourne.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Victoria, Monday, February 13th, 1882.

B. W. Shiles, M. W. Grand Master..... New Westminster.
E. Fletcher, R. W. Grand Secretary..... Victoria.

CALIFORNIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at San Francisco, Tuesday, May 9th, 1882.

D. Louderback, M. W. Grand Master..... San Francisco.
W. B. Lyon, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 2207.. San Francisco.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at San Francisco, Tuesday, October 17th, 1882.

R S. Robbins, M. W. Grand Patriarch..... Salinas.
W. B. Lyon, R. W. Grand Scribe, P. O. Box 2207.... San Francisco.

CHILE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Valparaiso, Monday, July 26th, 1882.

John H. Wallace, M. W. Grand Master, P. O. Box 282. Valparaiso.
John Hammond, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 135. Valparaiso.

COLORADO.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Denver, Tuesday, October 17th, 1882.

Charles E. Waldo, M. W. Grand Master.....Canon City.
John L. Bell, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Silver Plume.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Denver, Monday, October 16th, 1882.

George G. Arndt, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Denver.
John L. Bell, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Silver Plume.

CONNECTICUT.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at New Haven, Wednesday, May 17th, 1882.

J. W. Pond, M W. Grand Master.....New Haven.
F. Botsford, R. W. Grand Secretary, Drawer No. 5....New Haven.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at New Haven, Tuesday, October 17th. 1882.

Thomas R. Taylor, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....New Haven.
F. Botsford, R. W. Grand Scribe, Drawer No. 5.....New Haven.

DAKOTA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Fargo, Wednesday, May 9th, 1883.

William A. Bently, Grand Master.....Bismarck.
Ralph R. Briggs, Grand Secretary.....Sioux Falls.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Fargo, Wednesday, May 9th, 1883.

David S. Dodds, Grand Patriarch.....Grand Forks.
Ralph R. Briggs, Grand Scribe.....Sioux Falls.

DELAWARE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Wilmington, Wednesday, October 11th, 1882.

Alonzo R. Fell, M. W. Grand Master.....Wilmington.
Isaac W. Hallam, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Wilmington.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Wilmington, Tuesday, October 10th, 1882.

Edwin F. Morrow, M. W. Grand Patriarch, 1328 King St.....Wilmington.
Edwin Hirst, R. W. Grand Scribe, 903 Orange St.....Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Washington, Wednesday, July 26th, 1882.

John Edwin Mason, M. W. Grand Master.....Washington.
P. Hall Sweet, R. W. Grand Secretary, 30 Gay, corner of Montgomery St.....Georgetown.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Washington, Semi-Annual Session, Tuesday, January 17th; Annual Session, Tuesday, July 18th, 1882.

John Edwin Mason, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Washington.
George E. Emmons, R. W. Grand Scribe, 802 A St., S E..Washington.

FLORIDA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Jacksonville, Tuesday, April 11th, 1882.

Jacob Huff, M. W. Grand Master.....Jacksonville.
Joseph Y. Porter, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Key West.

GEORGIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Griffin, Wednesday, August 9th, 1882.

J. B. Richardson, M W. Grand Master.....Lumpkin.
John G. Deitz, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Macon.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Griffin, Tuesday, August 8th, 1882.

Emmett A. Heard, M. W. Grand Patriarch..... Griffin.
John G. Deitz, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Macon.

GERMANY.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the German Empire meets biennially. The next session will be held at Nurnberg, on Monday, August 8th, 1883.

Carl Gustav Louis Lesser, M. W. Grand Sire..... Webergasse 13, Dresden.
F. Meyendorf, R. W. Grand Secretary..... 12 Admiral Strasse, Berlin, Prussia.

The R. W. District Grand Lodge of Brandenburg will meet at ——— Sunday, July 9th, 1882.

Paul Gerlach, M. W. Grand Master..... 2 Kurfursun Strasse, Berlin.
Paul Juhre, R. W. Grand Secretary..... S. W. 128 Old Jacob Str., Berlin.

The R. W. District Grand Lodge of Hannover will meet at ——— Monday, July 10th, 1882.

Traugott Oehlmann, M. W. Grand Master..... August Strasse, Braunschweig.
A. M. Paasche, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Hildesheim.

The R. W. District Grand Lodge of Wurttemburg, will meet at ——— Sunday, July 2d, 1882.

Louis Kessler, M. W. Grand Master..... Koenig Strasse, 38, Stuttgart.
Christian Schwend, R. W. Grand Secretary..... Schluss Strasse, 33, Stuttgart.

The R. W. District Grand Lodge of Saxony will meet at ——— Sunday, July 11th, 1882.

Christian Eates, M. W. Grand Master..... Prager Strasse, 37, Dresden.
Ost Schindler, R. W. Grand Secretary..... Grund Strasse, 9, Dresden.

ILLINOIS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Chicago, Tuesday, November 21st, 1882.

Alonzo Ellwood, M. W. Grand Master.....Sycamore.
N. C. Nason, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Peoria.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Chicago, Tuesday, November 21st, 1882.

William Schuchert, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Chester.
J. C. Smith, R. W. Grand Scribe, 250 W. Van Buren St..Chicago.

INDIANA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Indianapolis, Semi-Annual Session, Wednesday, May 17th; Annual Session, Wednesday, November 22d, 1882.

N. P. Richmond, M. W. Grand Master.....Kokomo.
B. F. Foster, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Indianapolis.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Indianapolis, Annual Session, Tuesday, May 16th, 1882.

Richard Berger, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Muncie.
B. F. Foster, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Indianapolis.

IOWA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Cedar Rapids, Wednesday, October 18th, 1882.

George Whipple, M. W. Grand Master.....Burlington.
William Garrett, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Burlington.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Cedar Rapids, Tuesday, October 17th, 1882.

W. F. Holmes, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Brooklyn.
William Garrett, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Burlington.

KANSAS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Topeka, Tuesday, October 10th, 1882.

A. H. Dow, M. W. Grand Master.....Wellsville.
Samuel F. Burdett, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Leavenworth.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Topeka, Tuesday, March 14th, 1882.

D. C. Metsker, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Topeka.
Samuel F. Burdett, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Leavenworth.

KENTUCKY.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Winchester, Tuesday, October 24th, 1882.

W. H. Holt, M. W. Grand Master.....Mount Sterling.
William White, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Louisville.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Winchester, Wednesday, October 25th, 1882.

T. J. Atkins, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Paducah.
William White, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Louisville.

LOUISIANA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at New Orleans, Tuesday, January 24th, 1882.

Charles Brill, M. W. Grand Master.....New Orleans.
James Furneaux, R. W. Grand Sec'y, P. O. Box 383..New Orleans.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at New Orleans, Wednesday, February 1st, 1882.

Charles L. Volz, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....New Orleans.
James Furneaux, R. W. Grand Scribe, P. O. Box 383..New Orleans.

LOWER PROVINCES OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Moncton, N. B., Wednesday, August 9th, 1882.

John Richards, M. W. Grand Master.....Frederickton, N. B.
J. C. P. Frazee, R. W. Grand Sec'y, P. O. Box, 125....Halifax, Nova Scotia.

MAINE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Auburn, Tuesday, August 8th, 1882.

Byron Kimball, M. W. Grand Master.....North Bridgeton.
Joshua Davis, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Portland.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Auburn, Wednesday, August 9th, 1882.

George L. Reed, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Mechanics Falls.
N. G. Cummings, R. W. Grand Scribe..... Portland.

MARYLAND.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Baltimore, Monday, April 17th, 1882.

George A. Reed, M. W. Grand Master.....Baltimore.
John M. Jones, R. W. Grand Secretary..... .....Baltimore.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Baltimore, Monday, October 16th, 1882.

Augustus Bouldin, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Baltimore.
John M. Jones, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Boston, Semi-Annual Session, Thursday, February 2d; Annual Session, Thursday, August 3d, 1882.

Henry W. Clark, M. W. Grand Master.....Charlestown.
Charles D. Cole, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Boston.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Boston, Thursday, November 2d, 1882.

Ambrose Lawrence, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Boston.
Charles D. Cole, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Boston.

MICHIGAN.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Lansing, Tuesday, February 15th, 1882.

Samuel Adams, M. W. Grand Master.....Detroit.
E. H. Whitney, R. W. Grand Secretary. .....Lansing.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Lansing, Wednesday, February 8th, 1882.

J. W. Ely, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Allegan.
E. H. Whitney, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Lansing.

MINNESOTA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Hastings, Tuesday, June 6th, 1882.

J. Newsalt, M. W. Grand Master.....Owatonna.
Sherwood Hough, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Saint Paul.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Hastings, Tuesday, June 6th, 1882.

C. C. Hurd, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Minneapolis.
J. Fletcher Williams, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Saint Paul.

MISSISSIPPI.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Holly Springs, Tuesday, May 2d, 1882.

W. J. Bradshaw, M. W. Grand Master.....Summit.
James T. McCown, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Vicksburg.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Holly Springs, Tuesday, May 2d, 1882.

W. Q. Lowd, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Jackson.
James T. McCown, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Vicksburg.

MISSOURI.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Saint Louis, Tuesday, May 6th, 1882.

W. H. Woodward, M. W. Grand Master.....Saint Louis.
E. M. Sloan, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 2496..Saint Louis.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Macon City, Tuesday, November 21st, 1882.

G. D. Gray, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Glenwood.
C. C. Archer, R. W. Grand Scribe, P. O. Box 2455....Saint Louis.

MONTANA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Butte City, Wednesday, April 26th, 1882.

W. H. H. Dickinson, M. W. Grand Master.....Missoula.
Jacob Loeb, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Helena.

NEBRASKA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Fremont, Wednesday, October 18th, 1882.

J. T. Hedrick, M. W. Grand Master.....Tecumseh.
D. A. Cline, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Lincoln.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Fremont, Tuesday, October 17th, 1882.

Max Meyer, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Omaha.
D. A. Cline, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Lincoln.

NEVADA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Carson City, Tuesday, June 6th, 1882.

R. Kirman, M. W. Grand Master.....Virginia.
William H. Hill, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Virginia.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Carson City, Monday, June 5th, 1882.

L. Guggenheim, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Virginia.
William H. Hill, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Virginia.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Manchester, Wednesday, October 11th, 1882.

Frank A. Rawson, M. W. Grand Master.....Newport.
Joseph Kidder, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Manchester.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Manchester, Tuesday, October 10th, 1882.

John E. Colcord, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Portsmouth.
Joseph Kidder, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Manchester.

NEW JERSEY.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Trenton, Wednesday, November 15th, 1882.

George S. Courter, M. W. Grand Master.....Camden.
Lewis Parker, Jr., R. W. Grand Secretary.....Trenton.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Trenton, Tuesday, November 14th, 1882.

H. B. Reese, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Vineland.
Lewis Parker, Jr., R. W. Grand Scribe.....Trenton.

NEW YORK.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Buffalo, Tuesday, August 15th, 1882.

A. W. Bingham, M. W. Grand Master.....Van Buren.
Charles V. Clark, R. W. Grand Sec'y, P. O. Box 838..New York.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Poughkeepsie, Tuesday, February 21st, 1882.

Edgar Whitlock, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Brooklyn.
Chas. V. Clark, R. W. Grand Scribe, P. O. Box 838...New York.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Wilmington, Tuesday, May 9th, 1882.

Charles M. Busbee, M. W. Grand Master.....Raleigh.
J. J. Litchford, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Raleigh.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Wilmington, Tuesday, May 9th, 1882.

H. T. Clawson, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Raleigh.
W. A. Duggan, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Tarboro.

OHIO.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Lancaster, Tuesday, May 9th, 1882.

W. R. Hazlett, M. W. Grand Master.....Zanesville.
William Chidsey, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Cincinnati.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Xenia, Tuesday, May 2d, 1882.

C. D. Adams, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Painesville.
James Anderton, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Dayton.

ONTARIO.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Toronto, Wednesday, August 9th, 1882.

J B. McIntyre, M. W. Grand Master.....St. Catharines.
J. B. King, R. W. Grand Secretary..... 42 King Street, East, Toronto.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Toronto, Tuesday, August 8th, 1882.

Francis Rae, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Oshawa.
M. D. Dawson, R. W. Grand Scribe.....London.

OREGON.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Salem, Tuesday, May 16th, 1882.

Phillip Metschan, M. W. Grand Master.....Canyon City.
J. M. Bacon, R. W. Grand Secretary..... Oregon City.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Salem, Monday, May 15th, 1882.

J. C. Churce, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Eugene City.
J. M. Bacon, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Oregon City.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet in Annual Session at Harrisburg, Tuesday, May 16th; Semi-Annual Session at Philadelphia, Tuesday, November 14th, 1882.

Robert E. Wright, M. W. Grand Master.....Allentown.
Jas. B. Nicholson, R. W. Grand Secretary..... 146 N. 6th Street, Philadelphia.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet in Annual Session, at Harrisburg, Monday, May 15th; Semi-Annual Session at Philadelphia, Monday, November 13th, 1882.

J. R. S. Gobin, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Lebanon.
Jas. B. Nicholson, R. W. Grand Scribe..... 146 N. 6th Street, Philadelphia.

QUEBEC.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Richmond, Monday, February 20th, 1882.

Matthew Hutchinson, M. W. Grand Master.....Montreal.
Edward J. Fish, R. W. Grand Secretary..... P. O. Box 686, Montreal.

RHODE ISLAND.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet in Annual Session at Providence, Tuesday, February 7th, 1882; Semi-Annual Session, Tuesday, August 1st, 1882.

Lester J. Hill, M. W. Grand Master.....Providence.
Allen Jenckes, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Providence.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Providence, Wednesday, March 1st, 1882.

Moses O. Darling, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Providence.
Allen Jenckes, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Providence.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Winnsborough, Wednesday, January 18th, 1882.

F. W. Sindorf, M. W. Grand Master .....Charleston.
F. De Mars, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Orangeburg.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Winnsborough, Tuesday, January 17th, 1882.

F. W. Sindorf, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Charleston.
Robert C. Starr, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Charleston.

SWITZERLAND.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Luzern, Saturday, April 22d, 1882.

C. Imfeld, M. W. Grand Master.....Luzern.
Eugene Waber, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Luzern.

TENNESSEE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Nashville, Wednesday, October 18th, 1882.

E. B. Mann, M. W. Grand Master.....Knoxville.
J. R. Harwell, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Nashville.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Nashville, Monday, October 16th, 1882.

S. D. J. Lewis, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Knoxville.
J. R. Harwell, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Nashville.

TEXAS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at San Antonio, Monday, February 6th, 1882.

Jesse P. Loving, M. W. Grand Master.....Sherman.
T. L. Wren, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Austin.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at San Antonio, Monday, February 6th, 1882.

T. L. Wren, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Austin.
L. F. De Lesdernier, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Houston.

UTAH.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Ogden, Tuesday, April 18th, 1882.

Alexander Rogers, M. W. Grand Master.....Salt Lake City.
Charles P. Huey, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Salt Lake City.

VERMONT.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at St. Johnsbury, Wednesday, February 1st, 1882.

Charles Woodhouse, M. W. Grand Master.....Rutland.
H. M. Currier, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Brattleboro'.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at St. Johnsbury, Tuesday, January 31st, 1882.

D. P. Celley, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....St. Johnsbury.
H. C. Kinney, R. W. Grand Scribe.....St. Johnsbury.

VIRGINIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Richmond, Tuesday, April 11th, 1882.

T. J. Crowder, M. W. Grand Master.....Staunton.
T. Wiley Davis, R. W. Grand Secretary..... P. O. Box 50, Richmond.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Richmond, Thursday, April 13th, 1882.

A. R. Courtney, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Richmond.
A. T. Burr, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Richmond.

WASHINGTON.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Walla Walla, Tuesday, May 9th, 1882.

E. L. Powell, M. W. Grand Master.....Waitsburg.
John M. Swan, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Olympia.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Charleston, Tuesday, October 24th, 1882.

O. K. J. Ellifritz, M. W. Grand Master.....Wheeling.
Thomas G. Steele, R. W. Grand Secretary..... ....Grafton.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Charleston, Thursday, October 26th, 1882.

W. T. Heaton, M. W. Grand Patriarch..... .....Parkersburg.
H. A. Uthman, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Wheeling.

WISCONSIN.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Janesville. Tuesday, June 6th, 1882.

Charles L. Dering, M. W. Grand Master.....Portage.
L. B. Hills, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Madison.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Janesville, Tuesday, February 7th, 1882.

S. L. Brasted, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Fond du Lac.
L. B. Hills, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Madison.

WYOMING.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Carbon, Friday, October 20th, 1882.

John A. Fischer, M. W. Grand Master.....Laramie City.
Louis Miller, R. W. Grand Secretary .....Laramie City.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Carbon, Tuesday, October 17th, 1882.

W. L. Kuykendall, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Cheyenne.
Louis Miller, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Laramie City.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

PROPOSED AT SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1880.

Resolved, That Article XII of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

This Sovereign Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the first Monday of October, at nine o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated; *provided*, that if it shall be impracticable from the prevalence of contagious disease, or any other cause, for the annual session to be held at the place designated therefor, the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall have the power to determine at what date or place said session shall be held; or if the Sovereign Grand Lodge be not in session when such emergency occurs, such power may be exercised by the Grand Sire.—(Page 8732.)

Resolved, That Article X of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended by inserting after the word "motions," "and serving on committees relating to the work of the Order," so that the article will read, as amended: Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, with the power of debating and making motions and serving on committees relating to the work of the Order; but shall not have the privilege of voting, unless they be Grand Representatives.—(Page 8753.)

Amend Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as follows, viz.: by adding to said Section 2 the following words:

Provided, That the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of any State, District, or Territory may consolidate into one Grand Body within such jurisdiction, with such constitutional powers and privileges as may be approved by this Grand Body, from time to time, in which case such consolidated Body shall have the same number of Representatives as would have been allowed to both of said Grand Bodies if no consolidation had been made.—(Page 8754.)

Resolved, That Article XII of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

The Sovereign Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the second Monday of December, at nine o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated; *provided*, that if it shall be impracticable, from the prevalence of contagious disease, or any other cause, for the annual session to be held at the place designated therefor, the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall have the power to

determine at what date or place said session shall be held; or, if the Sovereign Grand Lodge be not in session when such emergency occurs, such power may be exercised by the Grand Sire.—(Page 8754.)

Amend Article XII of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, so that the same shall read as follows:

ARTICLE XII. This Sovereign Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the first Monday of May, at nine o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall, from time to time, determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated; *provided*, that if it shall be impracticable, from the prevalence of contagious disease, or any other cause, for the annual session to be held at the place designated therefor, the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall have the power to determine at what date or place said session shall be held; or, if the Sovereign Grand Lodge be not in session when such emergency occurs, such power may be exercised by the Grand Sire.—(Page 8754.)

Amend Section 2, Article IX of the Constitution, so as to read as follows:

Grand Representatives shall be apportioned as follows, viz.: To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, having under its jurisdiction ten thousand or less members in good standing, one Grand Representative; to every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, having under its jurisdiction over ten thousand members in good standing, two Grand Representatives; and no State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have over two Grand Representatives.—(Page 8755.)

Resolved, That Section 2 of Article XVI of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended so as to read as follows:

SECTION 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that members of civilized tribes of Indians, residing in the Indian Territory, to wit: Cherokees, Chickasaws, Creeks, Choctaws, and Seminoles, may be admitted into our Order.—(Page 8755.)

Amend Article XII of the Constitution as follows:

Strike out the word "September" in the second line, and insert "October."

Strike out the words "State, District, or Territorial," in the seventh line, and insert before the word "Representatives," in the sixth line, the words "members and"—so that the Article shall read as follows:

ARTICLE XII. This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Monday in October, at nine o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournment. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the members and Representatives of the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated.—(Page 8794.)

Amend Section 3 of Article XIV of the Constitution, by striking out in the last line after the word "Lodge," the word "ten," and insert "five," so that the section will read as follows:

SECTION 3. Dues from Subordinate Lodges or Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, five per cent. on their receipts.—(Page 8801.)

Resolved, That Section 1 of Article IX of the Constitution be amended, so as to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Grand Representatives shall be chosen by the several State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments for the term of four years, and shall be divided into two classes, whose seats shall be vacated biennially. If vacancies occur by death, resignation or otherwise, during the recess of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of any State, District or Territory, such vacancies shall be filled in the manner pointed out by the Constitution of such State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment; *provided*, that the terms of the class whose seats will be vacated under former law, after the *annual* session of 1883, shall not expire until after the *biennial* session of 1884.—(Page 8803.)

Amend Article XII of the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge, so that the same shall read as follows:

This Grand Lodge shall meet *biennially* on the third Monday of September, at nine o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called, and in no case shall any business be transacted at any special meeting, except that specified in the call of the Grand Sire.

Provided, that if at any time the Grand Lodge shall determine that the next succeeding session shall be held at any city located so far South as to render it impracticable to hold such session in the month of September, then it shall have the power to determine the time when such session shall be held.

And provided, further, that if by reason of any pestilence prevailing at or in the vicinity of the place designated for the meeting of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Sire shall deem it expedient to change either the time or place of such meeting, the Grand Sire shall have the power to call the next meeting of the Grand Lodge at such time and place not later than the first Monday of January next after the third Monday of September, as he shall deem expedient.—(Page 8803.)

Amend Article XIII, Section 4, so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 4. A journal of its proceedings shall be kept, and published biennially, except such proceedings as are had in secret session.—(Page 8803.)

Amend Article XXI so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XXI. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by a proposition therefor, made in writing, at a regular communication, by one or more Representatives from three different jurisdictions, which shall be entered on the Journal, and lie over until the next regular communication. At the next regular communication after being offered, such proposed alteration or amendment may be considered, and if agreed to by a three-fourths vote of the members present, on a call of the yeas and nays, such proposed alteration or amendment shall become part of this Constitution.—(Page 8803.)

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

IN FORCE SEPTEMBER, 1881.

1. *Resolved*, That the time for the sessions of this Grand Lodge will be to meet at nine o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at two o'clock, P. M.

2. *Resolved*, That the members of the Order who have attained the proper rank may be admitted within the Lodge during its deliberations, when vouched for and introduced to the Guardian by the Representatives respectively from the State jurisdictions to which the visitors may be attached, and no Representative is authorized to vouch for any visitor unless he is in good standing in his Lodge and Encampment, is a Past Grand, and in possession of the Royal Purple Degree, and by being a Past Grand is meant having the Grand Lodge Degree.

3. *Resolved*, That the Book of Diagrams and Secret Work be placed in the hands of the Deputy Grand Sire, for the use and benefit of the Representatives.

4. *Resolved*, That at future sessions greater facilities be afforded Representatives for consulting the Secret Work.

5. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary cause to be printed fifteen copies of the Daily Journal for the use of the Grand Representatives at the present session; and that ten copies of the Revised Journal be printed and furnished each member, after the adjournment, for distribution.

6. *Resolved*, That hereafter no vote shall be taken on any motion or resolution required to be submitted in writing, until the same has been read in full from the desk of the Grand Secretary.

7. *Resolved*, That Grand Lodges, Grand Encampments, and all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments subordinate to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in submitting their Constitutions, or amendments thereof, to this Grand Body for approval, shall be required, first, to furnish the Grand Secretary a complete copy of their Constitutions, with all amendments thereto, accompanied with a certificate from the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment (when such Lodge or Encampment may be under the immediate jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge), attested by the Secretary, and the seal of the Grand Body or Subordinate attached.

8. *Resolved*, That hereafter all laws sent to this Grand Lodge for approval shall bear the seal of the Body adopting them, and all documents without a seal (where the Body has one) shall be returned without consideration.

9. *Resolved*, That hereafter no appeal will be considered by this Grand Body at any session thereof, unless the papers in such an appeal shall be placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary on or before the Wednesday preceding the session.

10. *Resolved*, That as under the organic construction of the Order, this Grand Body possesses only such means as will enable it to exist with financial credit to itself, it is inexpedient and improper to make *donations* of any character, books, supplies, money, etc., not immediately appertaining to it and its necessities; furthermore, be it resolved, that the foregoing resolution be considered as a standing rule that shall not be altered or repealed except by a *two-third* vote of this Grand Lodge.

11. *Resolved*, That the printer of the Daily Journal be interdicted by the proper officers of the Grand Lodge from permitting any person to have access to the manuscripts or matter intrusted to his care; that he is to regard the matter as *private*, and no one shall be allowed to copy or make extracts therefrom, but every copy printed should be placed in the hands of the officers of the Grand Lodge.

12. *Resolved*, That when an amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of this Body is proposed, the section proposed to be amended shall be set forth at length in the resolution proposing the amendment as it would read should the proposed amendment be adopted.

13. *Resolved*, That a sub-committee of the Finance Committee, consisting of not less than two of the members residing nearest the city of Baltimore, be appointed to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary; such examination to be made within one week prior to the commencement of each annual session.

14. *Resolved*, That to this end it is suggested that the Grand Sire appoint the Finance Committee, or so many of its members as may be consistent, prior to the close of the annual session, instead of the commencement of the same, as has been the prevailing custom.

15. WHEREAS, Article XXI, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, provides that any amendment to that instrument, "if agreed to by a vote of three-fourths of the members present on a call of the yeas and nays," shall become part of such Constitution;

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that in contemplation of said constitutional provision, no member can be deemed "present on a call of the yeas and nays" whose vote, or that of his colleague for him, does not appear upon the roll call of yeas and nays, or unless he is excused by vote of this Grand Lodge from voting.

16. *Resolved*, That hereafter the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary shall report only the names of deceased members of the Grand Lodge, and Past Grand Sires, in the event of their decease, and that Grand Representatives shall announce the deaths of Past Grand Representatives of their respective jurisdictions in fitting terms, without referring said notices to a committee.

17. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be directed to forward to the post office address of the several officers and members of this Grand Body, the balance of the copies of the Daily Journal that may be due them, after adjournment.

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The Noble Grand, Secretary and Treasurer shall each wear a scarlet collar trimmed with white or silver; the Vice Grand, a blue collar trimmed in like manner. Supporters of the Noble Grand and Vice Grand shall wear sashes of the color of those officers respectively. Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash; Outside Guardian, scarlet sash; Inside Guardian, scarlet sash.
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Report by Rep. Gardner, of Massachusetts, chairman....8528
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No. 3. *Credentials.*
The committee recommend that E. D. Farnsworth, P. G. Sire, accredited by a telegram from San Francisco, be admitted as a Representative from the Grand Encampment of California, he having been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Grand Rep. Lewis.
Report by Rep. Cushing, of Lower Provinces....8689
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The committee present a code of Rules of Order for the government of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.
Report by Rep. Underwood, of Kentucky, chairman....8674
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The committee submit the following:
WHEREAS, The American people are this day in mourning over the death of its lately inaugurated President, who, in the prime of a virtuous life, in the full vigor of his intellectual faculties, and when, by virtue of his great office, he stood at the summit of human greatness, was shot down by an assassin; and

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through a long, lingering agony, passed to an untimely grave; and

WHEREAS, This Body represents more than five hundred thousand men associated for fraternal and beneficial purposes, and through them, also, represents an aggregate of more than two and a half millions of persons of every age and sex, and of many and diverse nationalities, it seems eminently proper that it should at this time give expression to the profound grief and sorrow which pervades all the Lodges and homes of its vast Brotherhood; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That this Body of Representatives, for each of their number, and for the nationalities they represent, deeply sympathize with this free Government and its millions of patriotic citizens in their hour of trial, and will join with all good men, everywhere, in upholding the supremacy of law and the sacredness of order, so necessary to the happiness and prosperity of this and of all peoples.

2. *Resolved*, That, as individuals representing nearly every sect, as members of differing political parties, and living under differing forms of government, we are, as one man, as one sect, as one party, as citizens living under one and the same government in the feelings of indignation and grief that stir our souls, and in the impulse that leads us to mourn at the grave of the chief of this great Republic.

3. *Resolved*, That the Assistant Grand Secretary shall cause this hall to be draped in mourning, as a mark of respect for the late James A. Garfield, citizen, Christian, statesman, and President.

4. *Resolved*, That we will gladly co-operate with our kind friends and brethren in this city in avoiding all festivity and every demostration which can in any way interfere with the only sentiment which should claim our attention—grief for the loss, honor to the memory, of the late President of the United States.

Report by Rep. Garey, of Maryland, chairman.....8686
Adopted.....8686

No. 6. *On printing the Bohemian translation of the Ritual.*

The committee report approving the translation and submit a resolution that P. G. Chas. J. Lederer, of No. 431; Philip Krasa, of 423; Anton Leilgeb, of 452; and Joseph Novy, of 436, of the jurisdiction of New York, be, and they are hereby, authorized, under the supervision of the Committee on Printing Supplies, to cause to be printed not to exceed two hundred and fifty copies each of the Initiatory and the three Degrees of the Subordinate Lodge, and the Degree of Rebekah, as translated into the Bohemian language by Prof. Alois Berman, (the proof sheets to be approved and certified by him) without expense to this Grand Lodge; and when so printed, the Committee on Printing Supplies be authorized to furnish, without charge, such of the Bohemian Lodges as procure them to be printed, the number of copies they require for their use.

Report by Rep. Stebbins, of New York, chairman.....8691
Adopted.....8766

No. 7. *On distribution of the subjects of the report of the Grand Sire.*

The committee submit a report assigning the various matters to appropriate committees.

Report by Rep. Hill, of Nevada, chairman.....8694
Adopted.....8694

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No. 8. *On distribution of the subjects of the report of the Grand Secretary.*

The committee submit a report referring the various subjects to appropriate committees.

Report by Rep. Hill, of Nevada, chairman.....869
Adopted.....8695

No. 9. *On the Patriarchal Branch of the Order.*

On the propriety of adopting for the Encampment Branch of the Order the system of endowment authorized for the Lodge department.

The committee recommend the following resolution:

That the law enacted by this Grand Lodge, at its session of 1879, (see Journal, pp. 8065 and 8126) relative to the establishment of Auxiliary Endowment Benefit Associations in the Subordinate Branch of the Order, be, and is hereby, authorized to be applied to the Encampment Branch.

Report by Rep. Shaffner, of Kentucky, chairman.....8702
Adopted.....8785

No. 10. *On the Patriarchal Branch of the Order.*

The committee report for adoption the following resolution: That a quorum for Encampments shall be five members, instead of seven, as heretofore.

Report by Rep. Shaffner, of Kentucky, chairman.....8703
Adopted.....8785

No. 11. *On the Patriarchal Branch of the Order.*

On chartering uniformed Encampments, and the creation of a degree for the special use of uniformed Patriarchs.

The committee report that the authority for chartering Uniformed Encampments was enacted at the session of 1880 (page 8345) and recognize that action as granting the desired object. They recommend the appointment of a special committee of five, to prepare and report at the next session, a degree suitable and appropriate for the purposes desired; the following principles to be observed: That the qualifications for said degree shall be the possession of the Royal Purple Degree. It shall not be compulsory to take said degree, and it shall not be a qualification for membership in Grand Encampments and in the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Report by Rep. Shaffner, of Kentucky, chairman.....8721
Considered, and subject postponed until next session.....8790
Postponement reconsidered; report amended and adopted..8796, 8797

No. 12. *On the Patriarchal Branch of the Order.*

On consolidating into one body Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments.

The committee report that they are not advised that any good would be prodnced by such a revolution in the organic system of the Order.

Report by Rep. Shaffner, of Kentucky, chairman.....8722
Adopted.....8790

No. 13. *On the Patriarchal Branch of the Order.*

On so much of the Grand Sire's report as refers to the "Supreme Temple," or Patriarchal Circle.

The committee report that the matter has been made the substance of another report, and ask to be discharged from further action upon the same

Report by Rep. Shaffner, of Kentucky, chairman.....8722
Adopted.....8790

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No. 14. *On Obituary.*
The committee report the death of Past Grand Sire George W. Race, of Louisiana, and also of Representatives and Past Grand Representatives, who died during the recess.
Report by Rep. Graham, of Louisiana, chairman.....8738
Adopted 8799
No. 15. *On resolutions submitted by Reps. Colledge and Petty, of the District of Columbia, pages* 8633 *and* 8634, *Journal.*
The committee report that the adoption of the resolutions asked for would effect an entire reversal of all forms for processions as now laid down; that they believe some change should be made, but deem the legislation asked for inexpedient.
A resolution is submitted that the committee be discharged, and that the subject be referred to a special committee, to report at the next session a revision of the forms for processions.
Report by Rep. Cox, of Maine, chairman.....8749
Adopted 8799
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APPEALS.
No. 1. On the appeal of John H. White from the decision of the Grand Encampment of New York, in declaring him ineligible for the position of Chairman of the Committee on Appeals of that Grand Body, for the reason that he was not a regular or proxy Representative to the Grand Encampment.
The committee held that, although Bro. Grand Representative White was an elective officer of the Grand Encampment, according to Section 2 of Article III of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of New York, and clothed with authority to transact the business of the Encampment, yet that he was not eligible for a position on the Committee on Appeals, although Grand Representative, because Section 7, Article VII, By-Laws, required that the Committee on Appeals should consist of five *Representatives*, unless this By-Law is in conflict with the Constitution. The committee held that the By-Law must be declared constitutional.
A resolution is submitted, that the appeal be dismissed.
Report by Rep. Morrow, of California.....8639
Adopted 8706
No. 2. On the appeal of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.
This is a claim, by one of its Subordinates, against the Grand Lodge of Ontario, for the amount of a judgment recovered against said Subordinate, for benefits, which judgment, it is alleged, contravenes one of the By-Laws of the Lodge, regularly approved by the Grand Lodge. The Subordinate contends that because the By-Laws are required to be submitted to the Grand Lodge for its revision and approval, that therefore the Grand Lodge is responsible, if the By-Laws, revised and approved, fail in the object contemplated, and do not stand the test of a judicial construction by the courts of the country.
The committee report that they see no ground for this claim. That a Grand Lodge has no right to interfere with By-Laws of its Subordinates, when submitted to it for approval, unless they conflict with the Constitution or the general principles of the Order, and is therefore not responsible for the sufficiency of the language used in said By-Laws, whether construed by the courts or the Grand Lodge itself.

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A resolution is submitted, that the appeal be dismissed.

Report by Rep. Courtney, of Virginia.....8640

Adopted.....8706

No. 3. On the appeal of J. G. Mysell, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of California.

Bro. Mysell appealed for Rebecca Gervis, widow of John Gervis, a deceased brother of California Lodge, from the action of the Lodge refusing to pay her seventy-eight dollars, expended for funeral expenses of said John Gervis. The Grand Lodge held that the matter of sick and funeral benefits, as to amount and disposition thereof, belongs exclusively to the Subordinate Lodge. The By-Laws of California Lodge provide that "any member who is in arrears for dues over six months, shall not be entitled to benefits," and that "on the death of a brother entitled to benefits, one hundred dollars shall be appropriated as a funeral benefit." From the transcript of the record, Bro. Gervis, at the time of his death, was not in good standing, and not entitled to benefits.

The Grand Lodge of California sustained the action of California Lodge.

The committee held that the decision of the Grand Lodge of California was in accordance with law, and recommended that its action be sustained, and the appeal of J. G. Mysell, P. G., be dismissed.

Report by Rep. Morris, of Kentucky, chairman.....8641

Adopted.....8706

No. 4. On the appeal of Charles W. Maxwell, from the action of Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba.

The committee report that they return the papers on account of informalities, and because the record consists solely of the *ex-parte* statements of the appellant in manuscript, and without any notice, so far as the papers show, to Manitoba Lodge, that an appeal from its action is desired or contemplated. The committee state that appeals taken by individual members of Subordinate Lodges will be entertained and decided, but that the appeal papers should be printed, and the statement of facts must be certified by the proper officers of the Lodge or Encampment whose action is appealed from. Inasmuch as the matter involved in this appeal is the expulsion of the appellant from the Order, and if the statement of the case as forwarded be correct, the committee consider that it would be a great hardship upon this appellant, simply to return the papers for informalities, and thus leave him out of the Order, and without remedy, until the next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. They therefore recommend the adoption of a resolution, to the effect that the papers in the case be returned to the appellant, through the D. D. G. Sire of Manitoba, on account of informalities, and that the said D. D. G. Sire be authorized and directed to have the facts of the case properly certified to him (first notifying both parties to the case), and that he, acting as the Representative of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, when the facts have been certified to him, shall consider and decide the case according to its merits, and return his decision, and all the papers in the case, to the next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, for its approval. The said decision of the D. D. G. Sire shall stand as the law of the case in the meantime.

Report by Rep. Courtney, of Virginia.....8642

Adopted.....8707

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No. 5. On the appeal of Unity Lodge, No. 47, of Ontario, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Unity Lodge presented to the Grand Lodge of Ontario certain amendments to its By-Laws for approval. One of the By-Laws offered was in effect: Every *bona fide* member, and when not under disability, etc., shall receive a weekly benefit during such sickness, commencing not more than one week anterior to the date at which the same shall have been reported to the Lodge. The Committee on By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ontario directed that the words "*commencing not more than one week anterior to the date at which the same shall have been reported to the Lodge*," in the By-Laws, be stricken out. The action of this committee was sustained by the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and hence the appeal.

The committee held that, the By-Law proposed was not in conflict with the Constitution for Subordinates of Ontario, nor in conflict with any rule or decision of this Grand Body, nor contrary to the principles of the Order.

The committee further held, that it was proper for a Lodge to require notice to be given to it for a demand for sick benefits, and that a Lodge had the right to impose a penalty for neglect, by a member claiming sick benefits, to inform the Lodge of his sickness and claim for benefits.

A resolution is submitted that the appeal be sustained.

Report by Rep. Elliott, of Wisconsin.....8642
Adopted.....8707

No. 6. On the appeal of W. B. Lyon, Grand Secretary, from the action of the Grand Lodge of California.

The committee ask its reference to the Judiciary Committee, as there is a construction of law involved.

Report by Rep. Pearce, of Florida.....8643
Adopted.....8707

No. 7. On the appeal of D. N. Flitner, P. C. P., from the action of Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, Sandwich Islands.

The matter of appeal is whether the appellant is entitled to certain sick benefits claimed by him.

The committee express the opinion that the records of the Encampment show that benefits are due the appellant from November 16th, 1878, to February 7th, 1879.

A resolution is submitted that the appeal be sustained, and that Polynesia Encampment be directed to pay the sick benefits, due as above, for twelve weeks, at the rate of five dollars per week.

Report by Rep. Elliott, of Wisconsin.....8643
Adopted.....8707

No. 8. On the appeal of D. N. Flitner, P. G., from the action of Harmony Lodge, No 3, Sandwich Islands.

Bro. Flitner was refused sick benefits which he claimed, hence the appeal. His demand for benefits was referred to a committee of five, which, after several sessions, reported to the Lodge that Bro. Flitner was not entitled to benefits for the whole time he claims, but they report that he was taken sick in the latter part of 1878 and remained so for some months, but the committee concluded that he must have been sick at least five months, and they recommended that benefits at the rate of seven dollars per week be paid him for that time. This report was unanimously rejected by the Lodge.

The committee say that it appears that some benefits were

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due, although the testimony is incomplete, and that the Lodge erred in not paying the same.

A resolution is submitted that his appeal be sustained, and that Harmony Lodge pay him five months' benefits at the rate of seven dollars per week, in addition to what had been previously paid him.

Report by Rep. Elliott, of Wisconsin..... .8644
Adopted.....8707

No. 9. On the appeal of Winfield S. Tompkins, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island in sustaining his Lodge in refusing to pay him certain sick benefits.

Bro. Tompkins was promptly paid the benefits he was entitled to until March 4th, 1879, when a committee of one, a physician, was appointed to ascertain from Bro. Tompkins' physician his condition and report to the Lodge. On March 11th, 1879, the committee reported that he had learned from Bro. Tompkins' physician, and personal examination, that the brother was nervous, and suffering from different diseases which were such that he should not follow his usual occupation, or to do anything that would require much lifting, straining, or exposure to extremes of temperature. Yet it was the physician's opinion that he should not refrain from all work, but that some light work would be advantageous.

The committee say there is nothing in the record to show that the appellant was unable to earn his livelihood by some attainable work, or that the Grand Lodge erred in its decision, reached, no doubt, after full investigation.

A resolution is submitted that the appeal be dismissed, and that the decision of the Grand Lodge be sustained.

Report by Rep. Crocker, of Illinois.....8645
Report considered, and recommitted, with instructions to sustain the appeal..... 8707
(See Report No. 18.)

No. 10. On the appeal of C. S. Goodrich, of Newton Lodge, No. 89, of Elmira, New York, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York.

The committee, for the reason that the papers in the case were not printed nor certified to by the Grand Officers, recommended that the papers be returned for informality, without prejudice.

Report by Rep. Morris, of Kentucky, chairman.....8646
Adopted.....8703

No. 11. On the appeal of J. B. Wilson, from the action of the Grand Encampment of California.

Golden Gate Encampment, No. 1, of which J. B. Wilson was a member, adopted an amendment to its By-Laws whereby his benefits were reduced from ten to two dollars per week. The point of dispute appears to be as to the time when the reduction in benefits shall commence—whether after one thousand dollars have been paid dating from the enactment of the amendment, or so as to reach back and cover all amounts prior to that date. The amendment reads: "That when any Patriarch has received in the aggregate, as sick benefits, the sum of one thousand dollars, he shall thereafter be entitled to and receive, during his sickness, the sum of two dollars per week only." Before the adoption of the amendment Patriarch Wilson had received the sum of one thousand dollars and upwards; and after the adoption of the amendment he was paid two dollars per week as

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provided therein. The Grand Encampment sustained Golden Gate Encampment in its construction of the amendment, to wit: that it reached back and covered all amounts paid prior to the date of its adoption.

The committee say, "if a Subordinate can amend its By-Laws in this respect at any time, it follows that it can change the amount of benefits to be paid at any moment, and without regard to the question of who may be sick and entitled to benefits at the moment the change is made, or the amount of benefits which any member may have received prior to the change. If the amendment had been a general reduction of all benefits from ten to two dollars per week, without regard to any amount that had been heretofore paid, it would have been in strict accord with the law and usage of the Order. * * Why is it less lawful because it is only to apply when, and after the Patriarch shall already have received one thousand dollars in sick benefits? * * We can see no difference in the principle affecting the right, and assuredly the latter provision is more just than the former."

A resolution is submitted that the appeal be dismissed, and the action of the Grand Encampment be sustained.

Report by Rep. Woodyatt, of Ontario.....8646
Adopted.....8708

No. 12. On the appeal of E. N. Rogers and M. B. Crossman, of Protection Lodge, No. 28, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Bros. Rogers and Crossman were sick, and had been so for more than fifty-two weeks when the Lodge amended its By-Laws in reference to benefits. The amendment adopted was, "that whenever a brother has received for any such sickness or disability, benefits for fifty-two weeks, he shall thereafter be entitled to receive as benefits the sum of one dollar per week for any continuance of said sickness or disability." The question involved was as to whether the amendment would include the fifty-two weeks' sickness already passed, or that the time should begin to run from the date of the adoption of the amendment. The former construction of the law was held by the Lodge, and sustained by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

The committee say, "It has long been a well-known law, that the Subordinate has the right to fix, by its By-Laws, the amount of benefits to be paid to its members, and the right to change them from time to time. That being so, it seems to your committee that there is no good reason for the claim that the appellants set up. * * If in the opinion of the Subordinate the change was necessary for its own protection in a financial point of view, the allowing such a claim might defeat the object the Subordinate had in view."

A resolution is submitted that the appeal be dismissed and the action of the Grand Lodge be sustained.

Report by Rep. Woodyatt, of Ontario.....8647
Adopted.....8708

No. 13. On the appeal of J. H. Schryver, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Charges were made against Bro. Schryver in his Lodge to the effect that he had unlawfully applied for and received benefits when not entitled to receive them. The specifications were, that he had misrepresented his condition in order to obtain benefits contrary to the laws of the Order, and that he applied for and received at sundry times benefits when not enti-

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tled to them. He was tried, the charges were sustained, and he was expelled from his Lodge, and this action of the Lodge was sustained by the Grand Lodge.

The committee say "there seems to be only one point at issue: Did Bro. Schryver perpetrate a fraud upon the Lodge for the purpose of procuring benefits?" and conclude "that there is not sufficient proof to convict the brother of the intent to defraud the Lodge in any way, shape or manner." The contention in this case is whether or not the brother fraudulently misrepresented his condition to obtain benefits. "The extreme penalty of the law should be inflicted only upon full proof. It does not appear, from the records, that the evidence has been weighed and passed upon by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, or upon what ground they based their action in not sustaining the report of the Appeal Committee of that Body." The committee are of the opinion that the Lodge was not warranted by the evidence in expelling the brother.

A resolution is submitted that the appeal of Bro. J. H. Schryver be sustained, and that the Grand Lodge of Ohio restore him to membership in his Lodge.

Report by Rep. Crocker, of Illinois.....8648
Adopted.....8748

No. 14. On the appeal of Annie Ryder, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Annie Ryder claimed from her deceased husband's Lodge fifty-seven dollars and fifty cents, for coffin, etc., and payment was refused. She appealed, and the appellant claims that, although the claim was allowed by the Appeal Committee and sent to the Grand Master for his approval, yet, that he sent it back to the committee with the request to open and reconsider the case, which they did. The ground of the appeal is, that the Appeal Committee erred in reopening the case after they had once decided it. The appellant further claimed that the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge required the Appeal Committee to reduce their report to writing and submit the same to the Grand Master, who, if he shall disapprove of it, shall submit the same to the Grand Lodge with his reasons therefor, and because this was not done and for the reason already given, she claims redress.

The committee find that the law has been correctly stated, but in regard to the reopening of the case by the Appeal Committee, the record does not support the claim. The record is so conclusive against the appellant that there is no need to go any further, as it destroys the only ground on which the appeal is claimed. The informality, if there was one, of reopening the case, did not necessarily injure the appellant, as the case finally went to the Grand Lodge and was there decided on its merits, just as it would have been had the report been returned to the Grand Lodge with the Grand Master's reason for its disapapproval.

A resolution is submitted that the appeal be dismissed, and the action of the Grand Lodge be sustained.

Report by Rep. Johnson, of Rhode Island.....8650
Adopted.....8761

No. 15. On the appeal of George E. Emmons, from the action of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

The question involved is whether the Grand Lodge had a right to tax its Subordinates to pay a sum it had promised to

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pay an Odd Fellows' Library Association, whose formation it had sanctioned. At the January session of the Grand Lodge, of this year, the Committee on Finance, in compliance with a resolution, reported in their table of estimated expenses for the year an item of fifty dollars for the Library Association, and recommended a per capita tax of fifty-five cents per member. Their report was adopted, and hence this appeal.

The committee recommend that the appeal be sustained, for the reason that a State Grand Jurisdiction has not the power to impose such a tax.

Report by Rep. Johnson, of Rhode Island.....8651
Adopted.....8761

No. 16. On the appeal of Leavenworth Lodge, No. 2, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

The committee report that the appeal has been formally withdrawn.

Report by Rep. Morris, of Kentucky, chairman.....8652
Adopted.....8761

No. 17. On the appeal of W. R. Spooner, from the action of the Grand Encampment of New York.

The Grand Encampment at an election for Grand Officers refused to accept Bro. Spooner's vote for Grand Representative. The By-Laws of the Grand Encampment require an election to be held annually, at the last regular meeting of each Subordinate Encampment, for officers of the Grand Encampment. At this election the P. C. P's in good standing are the only qualified electors, and a majority of all the votes cast is necessary to a choice. At the session of the Grand Encampment held in 1881, it was found that no candidate for the office of R. W. Grand Representative had received a majority of all the votes cast at the previous election in the Subordinate Encampments, and, therefore, no choice had been made. The By-Laws of the Grand Encampment provided for this contingency, to the effect that if no candidate received a majority of all the votes cast in the previous election in the Subordinates, that then the Representatives present should proceed to vote by ballot for the candidates nominated. The Grand Encampment in this case proceeded to ballot for R. W. Grand Representative. Bro. Spooner, as a P. C. P. of Golden Rule Encampment, No. 44, offered his vote, but it was refused on the ground that he was neither a Grand Officer nor a Representative. He claimed that the By-Law restricting, under such a state of facts, those eligible to vote to the Representatives present, was in conflict with the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, Section 1, Article VII; the last provision of which is: "nothing contained in this Constitution shall be so construed as to deprive any Past Chief Patriarch of his right to vote for Grand Officers."

The committee say the By-Law does not so conform to the Constitution when it deprives a person, or a class of persons, of a right conferred upon them by the Constitution. In this case Bro. Spooner was clearly entitled to vote, under the provisions of the Constitution, and he was only denied this right by reason of the restrictions contained in the By-Laws.

A resolution is submitted, that under the provisions of the present Constitution of the Grand Encampment of New York, no Past Chief Patriarch in good standing can be deprived of his right to vote for Grand Officers when an election is held in the Grand Encampment, as in this case.

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Report by Rep. Morrow, of California....8682
Adopted....8764
No. 18. On the appeal of Winfield S. Tompkins, recommitted to this committee under instructions. (See appeal No. 9.)
The committee report in favor of sustaining the appeal of Winfield S. Tompkins, against the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.
Report by Rep. Morris, of Kentucky, chairman....8720
Adopted....8789
No. 19. On the appeal of Emanuel Amick from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.
The appellant, some three years ago, was tried in Goshen Lodge for fraudulently obtaining money and for drunkenness, and on these charges was found guilty, and expelled from the Lodge. He appealed to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and then to this Grand Body in 1878, but his appeal was dismissed. In 1879 he petitioned this Grand Body for a new hearing of his case by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and his petition was granted. He was again tried by his Lodge, and again expelled. The District Grand Committee reversed the action of the Lodge and ordered a new trial, with permission to the Lodge to amend the specifications, and make them more definite. He was thereon tried and expelled a third time. The District Committee again reversed the action of the Lodge. The Lodge then appealed to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which reversed the action of the District Committee.
The committee report that in the record there is nothing for this Grand Lodge to base an opinion upon, and that it does not appear that either the District Committee or the Appeal Committee of the Grand Lodge of Ohio had any evidence before them on which to give an intelligent decision of the case. But the committee expressly state that the evidence upon which Goshen Lodge based its action was not before the District Committee nor the Grand Lodge, hence neither could determine that the decision of Goshen Lodge was not supported by the evidence.
A resolution is submitted, that the appeal of Emanuel Amick be dismissed without prejudice to either party interested therein.
Report by Rep. Johnson, of Rhode Island....8720
Adopted....8790
CONSTITUTIONS.
No. 1. On the amendments to the By-Laws of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, of New Mexico; Arizona Lodge, No. 1, of Arizona; and Harmony Encampment, No. 3, of Wyoming.
The committee submit a resolution that the By-Laws of the above named Lodges and Encampment be approved.
Report by Rep. Block, of Iowa....8713
Adopted....8788
No. 2. On the Constitution and By-Laws of Arizona Lodge, No. 1, of the Daughters of Rebekah, Arizona.
The committee make certain corrections and submit a resolution that, excepting only part of Section 1, Article II, the Constitution and By-Laws of said Lodge be approved.
Report by Rep. Block, of Iowa....8714
Adopted....8788
No. 3. On the By-Laws of Harmony Lodge, No. 3, Sandwich Islands.
The committee make certain corrections and submit a resolution that, with the exception of Section 3, Article XIII, the By-Laws of said Lodge be approved.

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Report by Rep. Block, of Iowa....8714
Adopted....8788
No. 4. On the By-Laws of Pima Lodge, No, 3, of Arizona.
The committee make certain corrections and submit a resolution that, with the exception of a part of Section 2, Article IX, the By-Laws be approved.
Report by Rep. Block, of Iowa....8715
Adopted....8788
No. 5. On the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Missouri.
The committee make certain corrections and submit a resolution that the above Constitution, with the exception of a sentence in Section 13, be approved.
Report by Rep. Dilks, of New York....8715
Adopted....8788
No. 6. On the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.
The committee report that they find nothing therein in conflict with the laws of this Grand Lodge.
A resolution is submitted that the above Constitution be approved.
Report by Rep. Dilks, of New York....8715
Adopted....8788
No. 7. On the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Dakota.
The committee make certain corrections and submit a resolution that the Constitution of the above named Grand Encampment be approved as corrected.
Report by Rep. Crane, of New Jersey, chairman....8719
Adopted....8789
No. 8. On the amended Constitutions of the Grand Lodges of Ontario, District of Columbia, Iowa, Alabama, and Michigan; also the Constitutions of the Grand Encampments of Iowa, Missouri, Michigan and Massachusetts.
The committee submit a resolution that the above Constitutions be approved.
Report by Rep. Crane, of New Jersey, chairman....8719
Adopted....8789
No. 9. On the Constitution and By-Laws of Golden Rule Encampment, No. 4; and Black Hills Encampment, No. 5, of Dakota.
The committee submit a resolution that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, because a Grand Encampment has been instituted in that jurisdiction.
Report by Rep. Crane, of New Jersey, chairman....8720
Adopted....8789
No. 10. On the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, submitted in 1879.
The committee submit a resolution that the above Constitution be approved.
Report by Rep. Crane, of New Jersey, chairman....8733
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No. 11. On the Constitution of Pima Lodge, No. 3, of Arizona, and amendments to the Constitution of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, of New Mexico; also the Constitution of Port La Joie Encampment, No. 13, Lower Provinces.
The committee report that inasmuch as this Grand Body has, at the present session, adopted a uniform Constitution for the Lodges and Encampments under its immediate jurisdiction, they report back to the Sovereign Grand Lodge the documents aforesaid, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

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No. 12. On sundry amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.
The committee submit a resolution that the amendments be approved.
Report by Rep. Crane, of New Jersey, chairman....8757
Adopted....8805
CORRESPONDENCE.
No. 1. On the General Correspondence of the Grand Secretary.
The committee report that they find nothing in connection therewith requiring the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.
Report by Rep. Foster, of Connecticut....8755
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DEGREE OF REBEKAH.
No. 1. On the resolution of Rep. McQuiddy, of Indiana, in reference to the daughters of deceased Odd Fellows who have not received the Third Degree, and have died in good standing in their Lodges.
The committee submit the following resolution:
"That the unmarried daughters of Odd Fellows, who have attained the age of eighteen years, and whose parents are dead, may be admitted to membership in Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah, when proposed by the Noble Grand of the Lodge to which the father was formerly attached."
Report by Rep. Newman, of Iowa, chairman....8717
Adopted....8789
No. 2. On the matter introduced by Rep. Hill, of Nevada, page 8636, and Rep. Hedges, of Ohio, page 8693.
The committee report that the present legislation, in their opinion, is sufficiently comprehensive, and well adapted to the wants of a great majority of the Order, and that it would not be wise, at this session, to recommend any change in the laws on the subject. They therefore ask to be discharged from further consideration of the matter.
Report by Rep. Hay, of Massachusetts....8749
Considered in connection with minority report, (No. 4,) and majority report as above, adopted....8800
No. 3. On the resolution of Rep. Gwinner, of Pennsylvania.
The committee report that the subject of appropriate jewels for Officers and Past Officers of Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah, seems to require proper regulation by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. They recommend that this committee be allowed to report upon the subject at the next session.
Report by Rep. Hay, of Massachusetts....8756
Adopted....8805
No. 4. Minority report on the resolution of Rep. Hill, of Nevada, "that all brothers in good standing, who are in possession of the A. P. W. be allowed the privilege of visiting Rebekah Degree Lodges."
The committee recommends that the same be allowed and sanctioned by this Grand Body, and also the same privilege as asked by instruction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, through her Representatives, and that all laws heretofore passed requiring Grand Masters to make a semi-annual P. W. be, and are hereby, repealed. A resolution is submitted that jurisdictions under this Sovereign Grand Lodge may or may not have a semi-annual P. W., as the Grand Lodge of each jurisdiction may determine.

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Report by Rep. Haynie, of Texas....8756
Considered in connection with majority report, (No. 2,) and majority report adopted....8800
No. 5. On the question of P. G. John Long, of Naomi Lodge, No. 1, District of Columbia.
The committee recommend the reference of the same to the Judiciary Committee.
Report by Rep. Halley, of Indiana....8806
Adopted....8806
FINANCE.
No. 1. On the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.
The committee report them correct, and submit a statement of the receipts and disbursements during the year, assets, etc.
Report by Rep. McCahan, of Maryland....8705
Adopted....8786
No. 2. On the memorials of Americus Lodge, No. 1, Barbados; Arizona Lodge, No. 1, and Phœnix Lodge, No. 2, Arizona; Caddo Lodge, No. 1, Indian Territory; Harmony Lodge, No. 3, Sandwich Islands, and Gateway City Lodge, No. 4, Manitoba.
The committee report that said Lodges ask a reduction of the percentage assessed on all Subordinates working under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. They recommend that said memorials be referred to the Legislative Committee, as new legislation is required in order to comply with their request, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.
Report by Rep. Lake, of Illinois....8712
Adopted....8787
No. 3. On the application of the Grand Encampment of Dakota.
The committee report that, inasmuch as that jurisdiction has elected a R. W. Grand Representative to this Grand Body, and he has been admitted, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:
"That the dues of the Subordinate Encampments of that juristion, due the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be remitted for and during the present year."
Report by Rep. Stafford, of Texas....8712
Adopted....8787
No. 4. On the application of the Grand Lodge of Washington for a credit of $236.25 to reimburse it for the excess of expenditure over and above the assessments collected from the Lodges in its jurisdiction at the time of the institution of said Grand Lodge.
The committee offer the following resolution:
"That the Grand Secretary be instructed to place to the credit of the Grand Lodge of Washington, the sum of $236.25, to reimburse it for advances made in excess of its receipts at the date of its institution."
Report by Rep. Muckle, of Pennsylvania....8713
Adopted....8787
No. 5. On the petition of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, praying for the remission of the Representative tax due by said Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for the years 1879, 1880 and 1881.
The committee report that, inasmuch as said Grand Lodge is struggling to keep alive the Order, and is composed of only five

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Subordinate Lodges, and has no Representative on the floor of this Grand Body, they offer the following resolution:
That the Grand Secretary be directed to credit the account of said Grand Lodge with the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars, being the amount now due as Representative tax for 1879, 1880 and 1881.
Report by Rep. Blanks, of Virginia.....8713
Adopted.....8787
No. 6. On the petition of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire asking to have refunded the amount paid for sundry Charge, Degree and Encampment Books, which have become worthless by reason of the introduction of the New Work.
The committee report that it would be unwise to grant the prayer of the petitioner.
A resolution is submitted that the above application be refused.
Report by Rep. Newell, of Kentucky.....8733
Adopted.....8797
No. 7. On the communication from Bro. Charles G. Hill, London, England, on the subject of the regalia, &c., of Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 1, and Anglo-American Encampment, No. 1.
The committee find that R. H. Morrison paid for and presented the regalia to said Lodge and Encampment; that the regalia was subsequently surrendered to this Sovereign Grand Lodge and sold; that said R. H. Morrison was largely indebted to Bro. Hill for money advanced, the latter claiming that his money paid for the regalia. The committee cannot recommend that this Grand Lodge settle the indebtedness between individuals, and they ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.
Report by Rep. Randall, of California, chairman.....8791
Adopted.....8805
No. 8. On sundry bills referred to the committee.
The committee submit a detailed statement of the same, with a resolution that the Grand Secretary be authorized and directed to draw warrants in favor of the persons named.
Report by Rep. Randall, of California, chairman.....8792
Adopted.....8805
No. 9. On the estimated receipts and expenditures for the year ending August 31st, 1882.
The committee submit a detailed statement, with the usual resolution, appropriating the amount required, and regulating the disbursement; also, authorizing the Grand Treasurer to sell and purchase bonds as may be necessary.
Report by Rep. Randall, of California, chairman.....8793
Adopted.....8805
FOREIGN RELATIONS.
No. 1. On so much of the annual report of the Grand Secretery and accompanying documents as relate to foreign jurisdictions.
The committee report that on all the subjects contained in the correspondence there was nothing discovered requiring action or attention on the part of the committee, or of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, except the one relating to the admission to membership in our Order of persons other than free white males. The correspondence from the British West India

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Islands, abounds in representations of the difficulties existing in consequence of our constitutional color question. A petition from Americus Lodge, No. 1, of Bridgetown, Barbados, is submitted and recommended to be considered.
Report by Rep. Muckle, of Pennsylvania, chairman.....8757
Adopted.....8805
ON GRAND BODIES NOT REPRESENTED.
No. 1. The committee report that all the Grand Bodies under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge are represented, except the Grand Lodges of British Columbia, Chile, Switzerland, and Utah, and the Grand Encampment of Virginia.
Report by Rep. Rawlings, of Maryland, chairman.....8756
Adopted.....8804
JUDICIARY.
No. 1. On the resolution of Rep. McQuiddy, of Indiana, submitting two questions: "1st. When and under what circumstances a Lodge will be bound to pay for a nurse for a member of the same, when he is sick and under the care of another Lodge in the same or a different jurisdiction? 2d. Is such Lodge bound to pay for a nurse when provision has been made in the By-Laws of the Lodge of the sick brother not to pay for the same when out of the reach of his Lodge?"
The committee report in answer to the first: "only when, and under no other circumstances, the Lodge of the sick brother, by its By-Laws, provides for the payment of a nurse; and the second question the committee answer in the negative."
Report by Rep. Herring, of Texas, chairman.....8702
Adopted.....8768
No. 2. On the following queries, introduced by Rep. Hill, of Connecticut, viz.: "Did the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in adopting the report of the Committee on Appeals, page 8364, Journal of 1880, intend to compel the payment of benefits by Subordinate Lodges for the first week of a member's sickness? Did it intend to take away from Subordinate Lodges the right to fix the time, after initiation, when a member should become beneficial?"
The committee report "that the subject matter of the above queries was not in issue in the appeal case referred to, and that the adoption of the resolution dismissing said appeal, did not alter the law in relation to the power of the Subordinate Lodges to control the subjects named in said queries."
Report by Rep. Orendorff, of Illinois.....8702
Adopted.....8768
No. 3. On the decisions of the Grand Sire, numbered 13, 14, 19, and 20.
The committee "recommend that number 13 be approved. In approving this decision, the committee assume that the legislation of the local jurisdiction is not in conflict therewith, and that by the term 'heirs,' dependent relatives are understood to meant. Numbers 14, 19, and 20 should be approved."
A resolution is submitted that all the above named decisions of the Grand Sire be approved.
Report by Rep. Orendorff, of Illinois.....8711
Adopted.....8787
No. 4. On the appeal of W. B. Lyon, from the action of the Grand Lodge of California, "as to whether the widow of a person who was not a member of the Order, but whose father

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and brother are members in good standing, and have attained the Scarlet Degree, is entitled to have the Degree of Rebekah."

The committee report that in 1878, (see Journal, 7852, 7882,) this Grand Lodge enacted "that the unmarried daughters of Odd Fellows of the Scarlet Degree, who are above the age of eighteen years, be, and they are hereby, made suitable candidates for admission into Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah, when proposed by either parent, or by a guardian, and that the same rule apply to unmarried sisters of Odd Fellows of the Scarlet Degree, when proposed by their brothers." The committee say they are called on to construe the word "unmarried," as found in the first line, and last line but one of said resolution. Why did the Grand Lodge limit the privilege to unmarried daughters and sisters? Why was not the boon given to all the daughters and sisters of Scarlet Degree members? Most certainly the disability to some was coverture with a person who was not connected with the Order, so that when that disability is removed, the limitation ceases. This Grand Body, in 1880, enacted that the unmarried daughters, over eighteen years of age, of deceased Odd Fellows of the Scarlet Degree, may be admitted to membership in a Lodge of Rebekah under given conditions (see Journal 8390 and 8477). Your committee are of opinion that the language used in the law, as well as the evident reason for the limitation to unmarried daughters and sisters, excluding married daughters and sisters, to wit: coverture and also the liberal tendency of this Body to an enlargement of the classes who may receive its privileges, warrant us in the construction and conclusion that the terms unmarried daughters and unmarried sisters include daughters and sisters who were once married—once were under the disability of coverture, but afterward, by death of their husbands or otherwise, became single women—the disability of coverture is removed.

Report by Rep. Hedges, of Ohio.....8722

Adopted.....8797

No. 5. On the resolution of Rep. Courtney, of Virginia: "That the adoption of a report of the Committee on Appeals is simply an approval by this Grand Lodge of the conclusion of the committee in the particular case reported upon, and does not commit this Body to any statements of the laws of the Order which may be contained in the body of the report. And when the conclusion arrived at by the Committee on Appeals is embodied in a resolution, the adoption of the report amounts in its legal effect to the adoption of said resolution and nothing more, unless otherwise stipulated in the motion to adopt."

The committee say that when the Committee on Appeals make a report, stating the facts of a given case, and their conclusion, as embodied in one or more resolutions, the adoption thereof by this Body has not the effect, and should not be held as the announcement of a general principle of law, but only as the law evolved by, and applicable to, the particular case so decided; that no such report or resolution should be held and cited as prescribing a general law of the Order, unless the committee expressly so declare it, or such conclusion necessarily results by implication.

Report by Rep. Herring, of Texas, chairman.....8790

Adopted.....8805

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No. 6. On the query of John Long, P. G. of Naomi Lodge, No. 1, D. of R. (page 8637, Journal).

The committee say, that upon the facts stated, the sister cannot be reinstated in her Lodge. This results both from suspension and change of relation.

Report by Rep. Herring, of Texas, chairman.....8806

Adopted.....8806

LEGISLATIVE, OF 1880.

On Constitutions for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The committee submit forms, and ask the adoption of the following resolution:

That the appended forms of Constitution for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, respectively, working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, be, and the same are hereby, adopted as binding upon all such Subordinates. The Grand Secretary is hereby authorized to keep said forms in his office, for use by the said Subordinates.

Report by Rep. Garey, of Maryland, chairman.....8652

Adopted.....8761

LEGISLATIVE.

No. 1. On the proposed amendment to the By-Laws, submitted by Bro. Nicholson, P. G. Sire.

The committee believe that the By-Laws should be amended, in conformity with the new Ritual, and submit amendments to Article XXII, defining the regalia for Subordinate Lodges.

Report by Rep. Sheppard, of Pennsylvania.....8681

Considered, page 8761, and first and third paragraphs of the By-Law amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE XXII. The regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit: Collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematic color of the Degree intended to be represented, namely: *First Degree*, pink; *Second Degree*, blue; *Third Degree*, scarlet; *Initiatory Degree*, a plain white collar. Rosettes of the appropriate color may be worn upon the collar.

The Noble Grand, Secretary, and Treasurer shall each wear a scarlet collar trimmed with white or silver; the Vice Grand, a blue collar trimmed in like manner. Supporters of the Noble Grand and Vice Grand shall wear sashes of the color of those officers respectively. Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash; Outside Guardian, scarlet sash; Inside Guardian, scarlet sash.

The position of each officer shall be indicated by the jewel of the office.

Resolved, That the above shall apply to all Lodges that may be hereafter instituted, and to all Lodges that shall hereafter procure new regalia.

Adopted.....8763

No. 2. On the resolution of Rep. Goodwin, of Georgia, "that hereafter the possession of the Rebekah Degree shall not be necessary to eligibility to the offices of Vice Grand and Noble Grand of Subordinate Lodges."

The committee report that they believe the interest of the Order would not be promoted by the passage of the resolution, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Sheppard, of Pennsylvania.....8681

Adopted.....8763

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No. 3. On the recommendation of the Grand Sire and the resolution of Rep. Crane, of New Jersey, on the subject of forming new Lodges.

The committee report that, by existing law, a Grand Patriarch has the power, in his discretion, to confer the Subordinate Encampment Degrees upon a sufficient number of Scarlet members, for the purpose of qualifying them as petitioners for an Encampment at a place where no Encampment exists, and the reason for a similar provision is much greater in the case of new Lodges than in cases of new Encampments. By the present law five Third Degree members are necessary for the constitution of a new Lodge, where no Lodge of the Order has an existence, and they must have obtained their Degrees before filing their petition for the same. No obstacles should exist to prevent the spread of the Order.

A resolution is submitted "that Grand Lodges may provide by law for conferring the three Degrees, of a Subordinate Lodge, upon five or more Initiatory Odd Fellows desiring to form a Lodge, to enable them, or any five of them, to petition for a Subordinate Lodge in a locality where no Subordinate Lodge is in operation within a distance of ten miles from the location of said proposed new Lodge."

Report by Rep. Goodwin, of Georgia.....8681
Adopted.....8763

No. 4. On the resolution of Rep. Dye, of Minnesota, asking for a law "to allow a past elective Grand Officer of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, who is a member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment in good standing, to introduce visitors to Lodges and Encampments in the same manner as Grand Officers."

The committee report that they believe such change would be inexpedient, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Bigelow, of Vermont.....8689
Adopted.....8764

No. 5. On the resolution of Bro. Nicholson, P. G. Sire, authorizing Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs to "grant dispensations to Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to omit holding regular sessions for a specified period."

The committee report that they are of opinion that the legislation asked for is unnecessary, and also that they fear it would open the door for greater evils than it seeks to remedy, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Boyles, of Tennessee.....8689
Adopted.....8764

No. 6. On so much of the Grand Sire's Report of 1880 as relates to the numbers of extinct Subordinates under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, found on page 8212 of the Journal of 1880.

The committee report that "the control of a number should not be allowed to extinct Subordinates of this Grand Body for a longer period than twenty years," and submit a resolution "that the Grand Sire, in issuing warrants to Subordinate Lodges or Encampments under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be authorized to use the number of any Lodge or Encampment that has been extinct over twenty years."

Report by Rep. Stebbins, of New York.....8690
Adopted.....8764

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No. 7. On transacting the business of the Subordinate Lodge in the Third Degree.

The committee report: "That the change is demanded by the general voice of the membership, as expressed in Grand and Subordinate Lodges and through the Odd Fellows' journals, can hardly be intelligently questioned; yet if the change, although desired, will really prove detrimental to the growth and prosperity of the Order, it should not be made. If it cannot be shown to be thus detrimental, but will be really of advantage and for the good of the Order, this general demand for it should be granted." Since the degrees have been reduced to three, the committee see no reason why the change should not now be made, and a resolution is submitted, "that on and after July 1st, 1882, all the business of the Subordinate Lodge shall be transacted in the Third Degree, or the Degree of Truth. The Lodge shall open in each degree for the purpose of conferring the degrees, and each degree shall be conferred when it is opened in that degree."

Report by Rep. Stebbins, of New York 8690

Considered at pages 8764–5, and amended by the adoption of the following: "*Resolved*, That in the judgment of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the business of Subordinate Lodges should be transacted in the Third Degree."

Adopted as amended 8766

No. 8. On the resolution of Rep. Hill, of Nevada, asking for the repeal of the following, adopted at last session (see Journal, p. 8487): "When State Grand Officers grant cards to former members of defunct Lodges, the brother receiving the card is not entitled to the A. T. P. W. The card cannot be used for visiting Lodges, but is good for deposit only by the holder, as an Ancient Odd Fellow."

The committee report that the proposition proposed to be repealed was passed in 1878, Journal, p. 7763, and that a contradictory resolution was passed in 1870, Journal, pp. 4848, 4892, 4893, White's Digest, 1687, and that in order to make the law certain, one of these provisions must be repealed. The committee believe the above law, refusing the right to a brother of a defunct Lodge to have the same rights as any other member holding a similar card, by virtue of said card, is partial, unjust, and contrary to the principles of the Order.

A resolution is submitted "that the proposition set forth in the resolution of Rep. Hill, as cited by this committee, be, and the same is hereby, repealed."

Report by Rep. Garey, of Maryland, chairman 8699

Adopted 8767

No. 9. On the resolutions of Rep. Havenner, of the District of Columbia, to be found in the Journal of 1880, p. 8353.

The committee report "that the same proposition has been made at this session, and has been sent to a special committee," and, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Garey, of Maryland, chairman 8699

Adopted 8767

No. 10. On the resolution of the Grand Lodge of New York, offered by Rep. Dilks, viz.: "That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge are hereby asked to use their influence to repeal the law now in existence, which gives a suspended member the privilege of

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demanding a dismissal certificate from his Lodge on the payment of one dollar."

The committee report "that the law referred to, with reference to the rights of brothers suspended for non-payment of dues, seems to us both just and proper, and ought not to be repealed."

A resolution is submitted that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Garey, of Maryland, chairman.....8700
Adopted.....8767

No. 11. On the resolution of Rep. Orendorff, of Illinois, "upon the legality and feasibility of enacting a law that no member of a Subordinate Lodge shall vote who has not received the Third Degree," also the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio on working in that Degree, and the protest of sundry District Grand Committees of Ohio.

The committee regard it as unnecessary to take any action upon said documents, as they have before them other resolutions covering the same subject matter, upon which they have already prepared reports, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Carleton, of Texas.....8704
Adopted.....8786

No. 12. On so much of the Grand Sire's report as refers to "numbers of extinct Subordinates."

The committee report that having submitted a report upon this subject, to be found on page 8690 of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, they ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Sloss, of Alabama.....8711
Adopted.....8787

No. 13. On so much of the Grand Sire's report as suggested an increase of the number of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.

The committee submit a resolution that the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem consist of seven members.

Report by Rep. Sloss, of Alabama.....8711
Adopted.....8787

No. 14. On the following resolution, introduced by Rep. Johnson, under instructions from the Grand Lodge of California, asking "That any member of this Order, in good standing, may petition any Lodge, at his place of residence, for admission, by deposit of card, before he shall be required to apply for a card to be deposited; the same, however, to be upon condition that, before actual admission, he shall apply for and receive a card from the Lodge of which he is a member, and deposit the same with the Lodge to which such application is made."

The committee report that they deem the legislation proposed inexpedient, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Goodwin, of Georgia.....8712
Adopted.....8787

No. 15. On the resolution of Rep. Carlin, of Illinois, asking that when a committee of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment has reported charges against an officer of said Lodge or Encampment, such officer shall be, by the fact of the presentation of such charges, suspended from the per-

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formance of the duties of his office; if against the C. P., the Senior Warden shall act; if against the N. G., the V. G., until the charges have been determined; if charges be preferred against any other officer of the Lodge or Encampment, the duties of his office shall be performed, until the same have been determined, by some qualified brother appointed for that purpose—by the N. G., in case of a Lodge officer, or by some qualified Patriarch appointed by the Chief Patriarch, in case of an Encampment officer; and any brother or Patriarch thus appointed shall take the obligation of the office, and give any bond the laws may require, and all the acts of such appointee in the performance of the duties of such office shall be considered and held to be the acts of an officer pro tempore.

The committee believe that the legislation proposed is unnecessary and inexpedient, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Carleton, of Texas.....8723
Adopted.....8797

No. 16. On the preamble and resolutions of Rep. Budd, of Tennessee, requesting some legislation looking to the adoption of an endowment plan, general in its character, to be under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The committee report that while expressing no opinion as regards the endowment plan, they deem it entirely impracticable to prepare, at this session, such a measure as would command the approval of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Bigelow, of Vermont.....8757
Adopted.....8805

No. 17. On the memorials of Americus Lodge, No. 1, Barbados, and others, asking for a reduction of their assessment.

The committee report that they are satisfied the assessment, as now provided, is too great, being ten per cent. on their receipts; and as this is provided for in Article XIV, Section 3, of the Constitution, an amendment is submitted for consideration at next session, that dues from Subordinates working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall be five per cent. on their receipts.

The committee ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Stebbins, of New York.....8800
Adopted.....8806

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

No. 1. The committee submit a tabular statement of the mileage and per diem allowed each officer and Representative, according to the resolution adopted at the present session, with a resolution that the amounts as computed be paid.

Report by Rep. Jakes, of Delaware, chairman.....8739
Adopted.....8760

No. 2. The committee submit a supplementary report, in accordance with the resolution of Rep. White, of New York, for the payment of mileage and per diem to Bros. Nicholson, Sanders and Stokes, Past Grand Sires, being Sub-Committee on Revision, with a resolution that the amounts be paid.

Report by Rep. Jakes, of Delaware, chairman.....8746
Adopted.....8760

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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.
No. 1. On the memorial of Winfield S. Tompkins.
The committee report that the memorial, submitted at last session, complains "that the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, in certifying an appeal in Bro. Tompkins' case, had failed to settle all questions of facts." This committee at the last session "reported in substance that said Grand Lodge be instructed to comply with the request of the memorialist, which report was adopted."
The said Grand Lodge has since fully complied with the above instructions, and the brother's appeal has been properly certified, and fully and finally acted upon at the present session. (See appeal No. 18.)
The committee ask to be discharged.
Report by Rep. Price, of Kansas, chairman.....8734
Adopted.....8797
No. 2. On so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to the session at Toronto.
The committee "recommend that the duties performed by the officers of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in recognition of the attentions bestowed by our brethren and others of Ontario, and the presentation of a Grand Master's Jewel to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and the Grand Sire's report on the subject, be approved and confirmed by this Body."
Report by Rep. Wheeler, of Nebraska.....8735
Adopted.....8797
No. 3. On that portion of the Grand Secretary's report which relates to the Library, &c.
The committee "recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to expend such an amount, from the present appropriation, as may be necessary for the binding of such pamphlets as he may deem worthy of preservation."
Report by Rep. Donogh, of Ontario.....8735
Adopted.....8797
No. 4. On a communication and resolutions of Harmony Lodge, No. 3, Sandwich Islands, on the subject of the ownership of the hall claimed by Excelsior Lodge, No. 1.
The committee report that "it appears that the question of ownership of the Odd Fellows' Hall, in Honolulu, was definitely settled in favor of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, by this Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1878. The committee is of the opinion that Excelsior Lodge is the sole and absolute owner, and has the exclusive control of the hall in dispute," and recommend that Harmony Lodge, No. 3, be granted permission to appeal to the several Lodges within this jurisdiction for donations to assist that Lodge to erect a suitable building for the use of the Order generally.
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The committee report that they found the above applications correct, and submit a resolution that the action of the Grand Officers in the above cases be approved and the Charters be confirmed.

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Report by Rep. Carlin, of Illinois.....8704
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Report by Rep. Whipple, of Massachusetts.....8716
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The committee report that this cannot now be done; that the decision, by the adjournment of this Grand Body, became a final, conclusive, and binding judgment in favor of Templar Lodge, which this Grand Body at no subsequent session could set aside, except for gross fraud or mistake. His application

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comes too late. For full three years he has had full knowledge of all frauds and mistakes, if there were any, and thus by his laches has lost the right to attack that decision. That decision is *res adjudicata*. It is a vested right in Templar Lodge, which this Body cannot now disturb upon such a case as made by the memorialist.

A resolution is submitted that the memorial be dismissed.

Report by Rep. Hoke, of West Virginia.....8737
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No. 8. On the memorial of T. B. Robinson, of Templar Lodge, California.

In 1879 T. B. Robinson was expelled from Templar Lodge, which action was sustained by the Grand Lodge of California. The said Grand Lodge refused Robinson the right of appeal in said case, and this Grand Body, at its last session, on his memorial, entertained his appeal to the extent of directing the Grand Lodge of California "to instruct Templar Lodge to resume consideration of his case at the point where the reading of the testimony was commenced at the hearing before the Lodge, and if either party shall require it, re-read the testimony, or such parts as they may require, and vote upon the question of expulsion at a proper hour."

The committee report that this order was complied with, and said Robinson was tried again by his Lodge and expelled, from which action he appealed to the Grand Lodge of California, which appeal is now pending and undetermined. They are of opinion that the Sovereign Grand Lodge has no right to consider the memorial until said Grand Lodge shall have acted upon his appeal.

A resolution is submitted that the memorial be dismissed, without prejudice in a proper case of appeal.

Report by Rep. Hoke, of West Virginia.....8737
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No. 9. On the petition of three Encampments in Wyoming, asking for the establishment of a Grand Encampment in that Territory.

The committee submit a resolution, "that the Grand Sire be authorized, if he deems it expedient, to issue, upon the unanimous application of the Subordinate Encampments of Wyoming, a Dispensation for a Grand Encampment in that Territory; *provided*, that no expense for representation be incurred by this Sovereign Grand Lodge until there shall be five Subordinate Encampments in the Territory."

Report by Rep. Robbins, of Rhode Island, chairman.....8795
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PRINTING SUPPLIES.

No. 1. The committee report their organization; that it was deemed inexpedient to print the Odes with music on cards, or in any other than the present form; the printing and binding of 250 copies each of Volumes 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Journal; the Charts for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, and furnishing the same to Grand Bodies; the completion and distribution of the Revised Journal; cost of same; cost and distribution of pamphlet copies of the Report of the Committee on Dues and Benefits; the supplies furnished to Grand Secretary; expenditures; printing of Encampment Odes considered and ordered; the rebinding of 768 volumes of the bound Journals of the Proceedings, damaged by moths; contracts for printing the Offi-

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cers' Reports, Daily and Revised Journals, and paper for the same; and submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That hereafter, until otherwise ordered, the price of Charge, Degree, and Encampment Books shall be $2 each to Grand Bodies, and $2.50 to Subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That, as the Sovereign Grand Lodge ought to be the publishers of all the books issued by its authority, the German edition of the new Digest, if one be ordered, shall be published under the direction of the Committee on Printing Supplies.

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be authorized to have printed the Funeral Ceremony in German, so as to conform to the English.

Resolved, That 500 copies of Volume X, Journal (proceedings of 1879, 1880, 1881), be published, and the Committee on Printing Supplies be authorized to contract for the paper, printing, and binding of the same, and also for a complete index to said volume.

Report by Rep. Jones, of Maryland, chairman.....8679
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No. 2. On so much of the Grand Secretary's report as relates to old electrotype plates, etc.

The committee report that the suggestion made by the Grand Secretary be approved, and submit a resolution "that the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to burn all the old Rituals now on hand, and also break up the electrotype plates which have been rendered useless by the adoption of the Revised Work."

Report by Rep. Jones, of Maryland, chairman.....8700
Adopted.....8767

No. 3. On so much of the Grand Secretary's report as refers to Volume X, and translations of the Ritual.

The committee report that the Journals of 1879, 1880, 1881, with index, will make a volume of at least one thousand pages, and ask that authority be given them, if the Grand Lodge deem it advisable to issue said volume, to contract for the preparation of the Index and the publication of the book. In reference to translations of the Ritual, the committee deem it inexpedient to recommend anything, as the matter is now in the hands of a special committee.

Report by Rep. Jones, of Maryland, chairman.....8717
Adopted.....8789

No. 4. On the resolution submitted by Rep. Servoss, of Michigan.

The committee submit a resolution that the Committee on Printing Supplies be "directed to have the Ceremony of Installation for Rebekah Degree Lodges bound in the same book with the Ritual of that Degree, after the present stock now on hand is disposed of."

Report by Rep. Jones, of Maryland, chairman.....8800
Adopted.....8805

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No. 1. On the returns of twenty-two Subordinate Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The committee report all correct, except Crusader Encampment, No. 3, Montana, and Centennial, No. 3, New Mexico.

Report by Rep. Lamos, of New Hampshire.....8716
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No. 2. On the returns of nineteen Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The committee report all correct, except Arizona, No. 1, Arizona; Tishomingo, No. 2, Indian Territory; McAlister, No. 3, Indian Territory; Fortschritt, No. 3, Peru; Chalaco, No. 4, Peru.

Report by Rep. Moses, of Connecticut, chairman.....8716
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No. 3. On the returns from twenty-six Grand Lodges.

The committee report them correct.

Report by Rep. Tourtellot, of Rhode Island.....8717
Adopted.....8788

No. 4. On the returns from thirty-seven Grand Encampments.

The committee report all correct, except Ontario, Oregon, Vermont, Minnesota and West Virginia. No reports from Alabama or New York.

Report by Rep. Moses, of Connecticut, chairman.....8718
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No. 5. On the returns from twenty six Grand Lodges in reference to the Rebekah Degree Lodges in their several jurisdictions.

The committee report them all correct, with the exception of California, Michigan and Ohio.

Report by Rep Lacy, of New York.....8718
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Report by Rep. Boutelle, of Quebec.....8733
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No. 1. On the Grand Sire's decisions numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, and 18.

The committee recommend the confirmation of the above decisions, and a majority of the committee recommend that as to No. 12, each Subordinate be allowed to procure, not to exceed, four Charge and four Degree Books.

Report by Rep. White, of New York, chairman.....8701
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No. 2. On so much of the report of Grand Sire Harmon as relates to charitable funds, etc., found on page 8213, Revised Journal of 1880.

The committee report that they find it a subject to be left entirely to local legislation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Miller, of New Jersey.....8701
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No. 3. On the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Washington, asking: "Is it legal to admit to membership, by intitiation, a person who is in the military service of the United States as an enlisted soldier, having his temporary residence in a military garrison?"

The committee are of opinion "that the question submitted should be answered in the negative," having been substantially so decided by this Grand Lodge (White's Digest, Sec. 1715). The question of residence is a question of intention. An enlisted soldier, temporarily stationed at a military garrison,

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Report by Rep. Busbee, of North Carolina.....8701
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No. 4. On the resolutions and propositions adopted by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, on the subject of doing all work in Subordinate Lodges in the Third Degree.
The committee report that the subject is being duly considered by the Legislative Committee, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.
Report by Rep. Clark, of Wisconsin.....8709
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No. 5. On the preamble and resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, on the subject of a revision of the Ritual of the Degree of Rebekah.
The committee report that the subject is one to be considered by the Committee on Revision of the Work, and recommend that the same be referred to said committee.
Report by Rep. Clark, of Wisconsin.....8709
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No. 6. On printing the Ritual in the Norwegian language.
The committee report that the Ritual has been translated into the Bohemian language, and the expense of printing it is to be paid by those of that nation asking said Ritual. We think no distinction should be made between these two clases of membership, but that all should be treated alike. A resolution is submitted "that the Committee on Printing Supplies be authorized to print two hundred and fifty copies of the Norwegian translation, provided the expense thereof be paid by the parties at whose request the translation was made, and that the Subordinate Lodges working in that language in Wisconsin and Illinois, be furnished the lawful number free of cost to them."
Report by Rep. White, of New York, chairman.....8710
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No. 7. On the resolution of Rep. Hedges, of Ohio: "That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, instructed to insert in the next edition of the Degree Charge Book, the obligation to be administered to Past Grands about to receive the Past Official Degrees."
The committee recommend its adoption.
Report by Rep. White, of New York, chairman.....8710
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No. 8. On so much of the Grand Sire's report (Journal 1880, page 8214,) relating to representation, taxation, biennial sessions and Past Grand Sires.
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Report by Rep. Gale, of Vermont.....8710
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as one who may continue sick, or is it left to Subordinate Lodges and Encampments?"

The committee emphatically say that, in their opinion a brother who has by sickness become blind is, *prima face*, entitled to benefits, although in other respects his bodily health may be good. If such a brother has, or can reasonably obtain, an occupation whereby he can make a living, he would not be entitled to benefits. This, however, cannot be presumed, but must be made to appear.

Report by Rep. White, of New York, chairman.....8736
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The committee report that they have examined the letter, and if the Order is to be benefitted by the omissions, would recommend that the request be granted.

Report by Rep. Miller, of New Jersey.....8736
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The committee report that the following decision was made by the Grand Sire: "The Senior Warden can be placed in charge of the door of an Encampment during regular business, but it must be done by the Chief Patriarch, and not by the Encampment; and when the door is so placed in charge of the Senior Warden, the Inside Sentinel reports to that officer." The committee recommend that the decision be approved.

Report by Rep. White, of New York, chairman.....8739
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The committee report that, in addition to the report heretofore submitted, they "do not wish to be understood as in any way intimating that a soldier, wherever stationed, cannot become a member of a Lodge at the place of his station, in accordance with the provisions of Article XVI, Section 3, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge; nor that a soldier *perma-*

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Not so: while reigns our God on high,
The true of heart can never die."—*Charles N. Hickok.*

"The chaplet which adorns his brow has been woven from the tears subdued and the sorrows assuaged of the heart stricken and the uplifted. Like the flower of the field, its beauty will grow in freshness, its fragrance increase, and its virtues expand, as time shall disclose its perfections."—*James L. Ridgely.*

DIED.

LAWRENCE A. GOBRIGHT, Past Grand Representative of the District of Columbia, at his residence, Washington, on the 14th day of May, 1881, aged sixty-seven years.

"In the Lodge he was a constant worker, and up to within a few days of his death, was a regular attendant at the meetings. Of a poetic temperament, the finer sensibilities of his nature were ever active."—*Journal*, 8769.

IN MEMORIAM.

JOHN F. HAVENNER, Grand Representative of the District of Columbia, at his residence, Washington, on the 19th day of March, 1881, aged fifty-three years.

"Courage to dare for the right, integrity that courts the light of Heaven without a blush, the charity that casts a mantle over the faults of our fellows—in short, all the attributes of the loftiest type of manhood met and mingled in him. No brighter star ever sparkled in the heavens of fraternity, no loftier embodiment of the principles that make Odd Fellowship so potent for good in the work of human benefaction ever walked among men."—*Journal*, 8770.

WALTON B. HARRIS, Past Grand Representative of Georgia, September, 1880.

"A strong pillar of our glorious edifice has fallen, and the shadow of a great grief sits upon the hearts of the Brotherhood of his jurisdiction at the thought that his courtly presence, his genial smile, his wise instructions, shall be seen and heard by them no more forever on this earth."—*Journal*, 8772.

JOHN T. SANDERS, Past Grand Representative of Indiana, at the city of Brazil, Indiana, on the 27th day of January, 1881, aged seventy-four years.

"He was honored and respected as a citizen, as an Odd Fellow, and as a true and consistent Christian, whose integrity was never questioned, and whose life was filled with acts of benevolence and charity."—*Journal*, 8772.

THOMAS HUGHES, Past Grand Representative of Iowa, at his home, Iowa City, on the 11th day of March, 1881, aged sixty-six years.

"His example, as a man and an Odd Fellow, is worthy of emulation. His character was spotless. In all the relations of life he exhibited the traits and qualities that challenge the admiration of our fellow-men. His influence for good will long be felt, and his memory warmly cherished by his friends and brothers."—*Journal*, 8773.

GEORGE WESLEY RACE, the fourteenth Past Grand Sire of the Order, and Past Grand Representative of Louisiana, at his residence, New Orleans, on the 17th day of June, 1881, aged sixty years.

"He was essentially an Odd Fellow. In the rich and glowing benignity of his nature were the responses to every call of duty, and they linked him, as by a chain of affection, to his kind. It was here he found the solace of a quiet, and the recompense of a useful life.

"Over a quarter of a century has passed since he began to reap the honors of Odd Fellowship. Under his guiding care, exalted and instructed by his eloquence and his judgment, the Order attained a Corinthian splendor and made striking progress in its ever unceasing march to higher usefulness and more extended power.

"In the silent and sublime tabernacle of our thoughts, that serene abode where corruption has no hold, we will cherish and revere his name till the end of time."—*Journal*, 8775.

LUTHER HOMES, Past Grand Representative of Louisiana, at his residence, New Orleans, on the 11th day of July, 1881, aged sixty-seven years.

"In his death the Order has lost one of its best working, most honored and worthy members, and the country one of its most upright and patriotic citizens. He was ever present when and where his services were needed, and was remarkable for his promptness in attending to all duties."—*Journal*, 8775.

WILLIAM C. BECKETT, Past Grand Representative of Maine, at his home, Portland, on the 2d day of September, 1881, aged seventy-six years.

"He was a worthy citizen, a warm friend, a true Odd Fellow, and in every relation of life his deportment was such as to win the respect and esteem of all who knew him. In this bereavement our Order has lost one of its early and valuable supporters, his family a kind and indulgent father, and the community in which he lived, an upright and useful citizen."—*Journal*, 8776.

EDWARD ST. JOHN NEALLEY, Past Grand Representative of Maine, on the 21st day of August, 1881.

"He was an honest man, and a gentleman in all that a correct definition of that word implies; a kind husband and father, a public spirited and honored citizen, a Christian gentleman and a good Odd Fellow."—*Journal*, 8776.

L. C. TILLOTSON, Past Grand Representative of Michigan, at his home, Hillsdale, on the 16th day of July, 1881.

"So far as his shattered health would permit, he did his duty to the Order which he loved so much, faithfully and well. The younger members will miss his wise and timely counsels and advice; the elder ones, his cheerful salutations and kindly words of greeting."—*Journal*, 8776.

JOHN N. INGERSOLL, Past Grand Representative of Michigan, at his home, Corunna, on the 13th day of May, 1881, aged sixty-four years.

"A ripe scholar, an eminent poet and journalist, an eloquent and distinguished lecturer, and a comprehensive writer. For twenty-seven years our gifted brother was closely identified with our beloved Order, and to his ability, power and influence are attributable much of the growth and prosperity of Odd Fellowship in Michigan. He was a man of strong, positive force, yet he had a heart formed of the finest and tenderest attributes."—*Journal*, 8777.

C. C. BATTERMAN, Grand Representative of Nevada, at Tombstone, Arizona, on the 23d day of August, 1881, aged fifty-two years.

"A brave, an honest and a good man, in every sense of the terms. As an Odd Fellow, he was second to none in his zeal to promote the best interests of the Order. We will miss his valuable services and counsel. As a prominent and worthy citizen, our community will miss him, and the greatest of all, he will be missed by an affectionate wife and loving children."—*Journal*, 8778.

JAMES W. WROTH, Past Grand Representative of New Jersey, at his residence, Camden, on the 11th day of June, 1881.

"For many years he was an active and earnest Odd Fellow."—*Journal*, 8779.

THOMAS P. ST. JOHN, Past Grand Representative of New York, at his residence, Ithaca, on the 21 day of November, 1880, aged sixty-three years.

"The ability and dignity which characterized his official career, the courtesy and kindness that marked his intercourse with the Brotherhood, the earnestness and devotion displayed by him while in the discharge of the numerous and important duties imposed upon him, stamp his image upon every heart as a true Odd Fellow. Noble in all that constitutes true nobility, unselfish in friendship, constant in love, firm and candid in truth, were his characteristics."—*Journal*, 8779.

WILLIAM MADDEN, Past Grand Representative of New York, at his residence, Troy, on the 25th day of June, 1880.

"By his fellow-citizens he was highly respected, and possessed their unlimited confidence. He was very popular, genial and pleasant in his ways, and liked by all who knew him. Our Order found in him a warm friend and an earnest supporter."—*Journal*, 8780.

DAVID P. WHITE, Past Grand Representative of New York, at his residence, Utica, on the 19th day of June, 1881, aged fifty-nine years.

"He was modest and retiring in his disposition, but kind and courteous always. A man of rare good judgment, and the breath of suspicion never marred his character for integrity. As an Odd Fellow, he was ever faithful to his obligations and his trust, and was always open to the call of distress." *Journal*, 8781.

CHARLES THOMAS, Past Grand Representative of Ohio, at his residence, Cincinnati, on the 26th day of July, 1881, aged seventy-two years.

"He was ever faithful to his Lodge, steadfast in his duties, constant in his attendance. Able, calm, honest, just, candid, judicious, gentle and kind, he was ever faithful to friendship, true to love, unvarying in truth."—*Journal*, 8782.

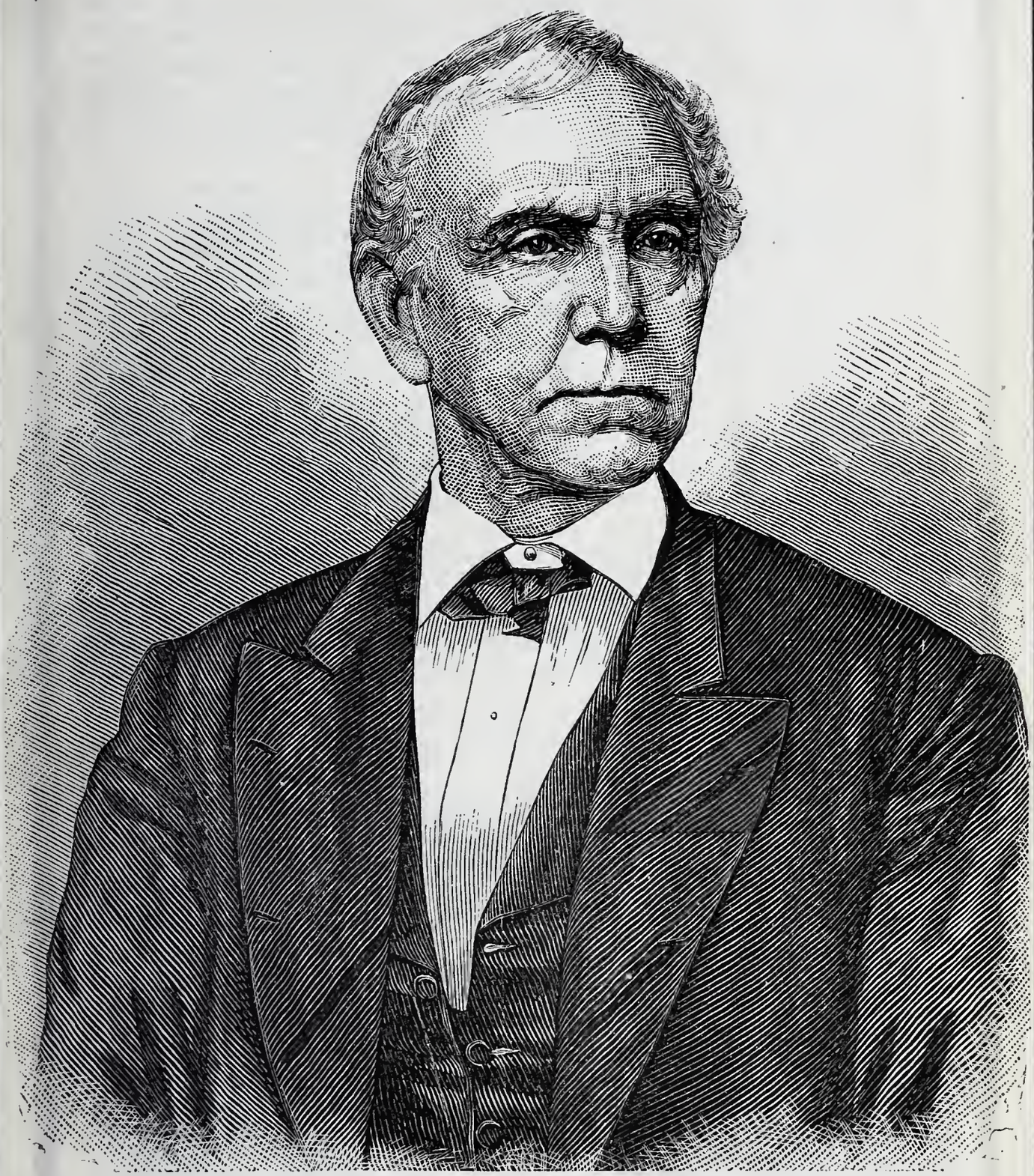
"With Brother THOMAS goes out the light of the last of the men who first organized the Order in Ohio. He, the last survivor of the ten, and in many respects the greatest of them all. His work survives him. A good man, and great by reason of his goodness, in the fullness of years, crowned with the *halo* of a life well spent in blessing his fellow-man, has departed, whither we know, for his loving life led into glory."—*Journal*, 8783.

CHRISTOPHER DUNKIN, Past Grand Representative of Canada, at his residence, Knowlton, Quebec, on the 14th day of January, 1881, aged sixty-eight years.

"In public life he distinguished himself as an able statesman, a thorough scholar, an eloquent orator, and a learned and impartial judge. In private life he was known as a warm-hearted and loyal friend. As an Odd Fellow, he was zealous and enthusiastic, and labored earnestly for the success and advancement of the Order."—*Journal*, 8784.

HUGH LATHAM, Past Grand Representative of Virginia, at his residence, Alexandria, on the 25th day of October, 1880, aged sixty-eight years.

"His devotion to Odd Fellowship was attested by an exhibition of zeal, commencing with the date of his initiation, and continuing unabated for nearly a half century. His record is that of a bright and devoted Odd Fellow, a firm friend, and an unwavering advocate of the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth. His memory will live long in the hearts of his brethren."—*Journal*, 8785.



JAMES L. RIDGELY,

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, now the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, from April 24th, 1840, to the day of his death.

Born at Baltimore, Md., January 27, 1807. Died at Baltimore, Md., November 16, 1881. Aged 74 years, 9 months, 20 days.

"He was a man, take him for all in all,
We shall not look upon his like again."

JAMES L. RIDGELY.

The members of the Order, generally, have understood that the distinguished brother who occupied the position of Grand Secretary for more than forty-one years, had, for a long time, been in feeble health, obliging him to relinquish the active duties of his position, and though gradually weakening and evidently approaching the end, the announcement of his death was received with surprise and sorrow throughout the world, wherever Odd Fellowship is known.

The summer of 1881 he resided at his farm, a few miles from Baltimore, returning to the city about the first of October. He had lost the use of his limbs; was almost speechless, making very little effort to talk to any person, and remained in this condition until Sunday, the 13th of November, when a sudden change was manifested, and in a few hours he became unconscious.

His physician was unable to afford relief, and Bro. RIDGELY continued insensible, the only evidence of life being his breathing and occasional efforts to expectorate, until Wednesday morning, November 16th, 1881, at twenty minutes after seven o'clock, the sorrowing family around his bed were aware that the last moment in the life of our beloved brother had come;

> "Then saw in death, his eyelids close,
> Calmly, as to a night's repose,
> Like flowers at set of sun."

The following sketches of the life of our distinguished brother, the funeral ceremonies, etc., were taken from Baltimore papers:

JAMES L. RIDGELY was one of Baltimore's oldest and most respected citizens, and for many years, Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.

This venerable citizen and eminent representative of the Order of Odd Fellows, was born in Baltimore on the 27th of January, 1807. His father was LOT RIDGELY, an old and respected merchant of Baltimore, whose ancestors were for a number of generations natives of Maryland. His mother was MARY WILLIAMS, of Prince George's county. His ancestors came from England two centuries ago, and settled in the piney woods of Maryland.

He received his education and graduated at Mount St. Mary's College, Emmittsburg, Md. Soon after, he read law with DAVID HOFFMAN, and in June, 1828, was admitted to practice at the Baltimore Bar. In the sessions of 1834–35 he was a member of the Baltimore City Council; in 1838, was elected a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, and during his term was noted for industry and fidelity to his duties. He was a member of the Constitutional Conventions of 1849, and 1864, and was chosen Register of Wills for Baltimore City in 1852, his term of service in that position covering a period of twelve years. He was for several years President of the Board of Education, and it was chiefly through his exertions, in 1848, that our present system of public schools was established. Since 1855 he has been President of the Baltimore County Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He was Collector of Internal Revenue by appointment of President LINCOLN, serving during that and the administration of ANDREW JOHNSON.

This brief recital indicates Bro. RIDGELY's prominence in public life. In each of the numerous positions he held, his usefulness, integrity, industry and zeal were ever conspicuous, and his devotion in support of every measure calculated to advance the prosperity of the city, is well known.

It is, however, as a member of the vast and continually growing Order of Odd Fellows, that Bro. RIDGELY was most prominent. He may be called one of the pioneers and patriarchs of the Order, for he became attached to it when in its comparative infancy, and was one of its oldest and most distinguished representatives. No man in it was perhaps more widely known and more profoundly cherished. His initiation took place in 1829, about fifty-three years ago, in Baltimore, the first home of the Order, and ever since that period his efforts toward its effectiveness and growth never relaxed. He became a member of the Grand Lodge of Maryland in 1830, and occupied all of its most distinguished official positions. His first appearance in the Grand Lodge of the United States, was at its annual session, September 5th, 1831, as Representative from Maryland. His first act in that body was to move for the appointment of a Grand Treasurer, when WM. HALL, P. G., of Maryland, was elected, and was the first the Grand Lodge ever had, the duties of the office up to that period having been performed by the Grand Sire. The first Grand Encampment ever authorized by the Grand Lodge of the United States was instituted at Baltimore, and the petition for its charter was headed by Bro. RIDGELY. In 1833 he was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. In 1835 he took an active part in the perfection and adoption of the Revised Work of the Order, and was on the committee to have the work printed and distributed to Lodges. At the session of the Grand Lodge in 1836, he was elected to the office of Grand Sire, but in May, 1837, wrote a a letter returning thanks and declining the honor. In 1840 he was elected Grand Corresponding Secretary, and at the same session was nominated and elected Grand Sire for the ensuing term. Prior to the installation of officers in 1841, he again declined the honor. He asked also to be excused from being a candidate for Grand Corresponding Secretary, but this was refused. He was unanimously chosen, and subsequently the position of Grand Recording Secretary was combined with it. From that year, until the hour of his death, he had been consecutively chosen for the double position at each election by the Grand Lodge. In 1842, Bro. RIDGELY went to Europe as a delegate from the Grand Lodge of the United States, where he spent about six months, during which time he visited England, Ireland, Scotland and France.

From 1841 to 1844 he was editor of the *Covenant*, the official magazine of the Grand Lodge of the United States, published in Baltimore, and on his recommendation it was in the latter year discontinued. In the same year a resolution was passed by the Grand Lodge, ordering a gold medal for presentation to Bro. RIDGELY, in acknowledgment of his zealous and wide-spread service in behalf of the Order. The gift was, however, changed to a magnificent hunting case gold watch and chain, and the ceremony of presentation took place at the session of 1846, and was accompanied by a special vote of thanks. In 1847 he was added to the committee of Past Grand Sires appointed to prepare and submit full and complete instructions on the whole work of the Order. In 1855, by commission of the Grand Sire, he visited the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States in British North America, for encouragement and instruction.

It was at the suggestion of Bro. RIDGELY that the Library at Odd Fellows' Hall, Baltimore, was started. This was in 1836, and he was the first contributor to it. It is sustained by contributions from the members of the various local Lodges, and it has not only grown to magnificent proportions, but its catalogue indicates that its composition has been made with excellent judgment. Bro. RIDGELY also took a prominent part in the project for the erection of Odd Fellows' Hall on Gay street, and gave much attention to the work until it was completed and dedicated, April 26, 1831.

More than to convey a brief knowledge of the illustrious brother's connection with Odd Fellowship is not attempted in this crude sketch. The

complete record of his services and labors would fill a large volume, and in thus writing of him, would be to write almost a complete history of the Order for more than a half century. His name and labors are known to the brethren throughout the world, and his memory will be held in reverence and affection as long as Odd Fellowship has an existence on this earth.

Bro. RIDGELY was a man of fine literary ability, and his writings in connection with the Order are highly valued. The celebrated Past Grand's charge, one of the most beautiful and expressive compositions ever prepared for the use of the Order, is from his pen. His most elaborate and most voluminous work, however, is his History of Odd Fellowship, recently issued. It exhibits great research and care, and is regarded as the most complete and valuable work of its character ever published.

On the night of December 1st, 1879, Bro. RIDGELY was stricken with paralysis, and since that period the duties of his position as Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, have been discharged by the Assistant Grand Secretary. Several days ago Bro. RIDGELY's condition became alarmingly worse, and he continued to fail until his eyes were closed peacefully in death at the time stated. He was one of the last who had seen Odd Fellowship grow from comparative infancy and insignificance to its present vast proportions and glorious influences.

Bro. RIDGELY has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church since 1858. In 1828 he married JANE ANNA, daughter of Major JOSEPH JAMISON, of Baltimore. She died in 1835. In 1836 he married C. ESTHER P., second daughter of Major JAMISON, who with three children, two sons and a daughter, survive him. A married daughter, ANNA JOSEPHINE, died at San Antonio, Texas, several years ago, leaving a son and daughter, both of whom have been reared and educated by their grandfather.

MEETING OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND.

A special meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge, was held on Thursday evening, November 17th, to take action with reference to the death and burial of the late Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary RIDGELY.

The M. W. G. Master announced the death of Bro. JAMES L. RIDGELY, P. G. M., and G. C. and R. S. of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in some feeling remarks. He was followed by Bros. JOSHUA VANSANT, HENRY F. GAREY and others, in addresses eulogistic of the life and services of the distinguished deceased. Committees were appointed on behalf of the Grand Lodge, to make arrangements for the obsequies and other business relating thereto; also, on the preparation of memorial resolutions to be presented to the R. W. Grand Lodge at its annual session in April next. Resolutions were offered and adopted, inviting the Grand Encampment of Maryland and its Subordinates, and the various Grand and Subordinate Lodges in this and adjoining States, and the District of Columbia, to attend the funeral.

MOURNING EMBLEMS.

The members of the Grand Lodge, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days. It is also ordered that the chairs of the officers of the Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges, be clothed in mourning for a like period. The interior and exterior of Odd Fellows' Hall, on Gay street, and the office of the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, are heavily draped with mourning. The office of the Grand Secretary of Maryland is also heavily draped.

JAMES L. RIDGELY.

LAID TO REST—IMPRESSIVE PUBLIC SERVICES—A GREAT GATHERING OF ODD FELLOWS.

The funeral of JAMES L. RIDGELY, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, took place on Sunday, November 20th, from Odd Fellows' Hall, Gay street. The remains were escorted on Saturday afternoon from the late residence of deceased, No. 267 Lanvale street, to Odd Fellows' Hall, by Lieut. George W. Lee, and a detachment of the Encampment Drill Association. The beautiful cloth-covered casket, heavily ornamented with silver, was placed on a handsomely draped catafalque in the centre of the Grand Lodge room.

The catafalque was formed of four covered upright posts, arched and roofed. Black drapery edged with white fringe hung gracefully around the sides. Symbols of the Order were worked on the mourning, conspicuous among which were the three links—"Friendship, Love and Truth." The hall itself was tastefully adorned with mourning, especially a large protrait of the deceased, which is hung to the right of a life-size portrait of THOMAS WILDEY, founder of the Order of Odd Fellowship in the United States. Surrounding the casket were floral designs of rare beauty, and of unusual size. Among them were an hour-glass, with pillars three feet high, from the Grand Lodge of California; the setting sun, three feet square, from the Veterans of California; an open Bible, from the Uniformed Patriarchs of the District of Columbia; an exquisite anchor and three links, from THEODORE A. ROSS; a pillow with the word "Rest," and three links, from ROSENFELD BROTHERS; the Gates Ajar, a beautiful emblem, three feet high, from Mrs. FRANK BROWN, a niece of deceased; sickle and sheaves of wheat. The catafalque with the casket resting on it, together with the floral adornments, were photographed Sunday morning.

A stream of visitors began pouring into the hall on Saturday afternoon for the purpose of viewing the remains, and never ceased until the funeral exercises were commenced on Sunday afternoon. Guards of the Encampment Drill Association, with swords drawn, were stationed at different parts of the building. A number of seats in the rear of the catafalque were reserved for the family and relatives of the deceased, who were accompanied by several venerable colored servants. The remainder of the seats were occupied by Odd Fellows and ladies, the hall being crowded. On the platform were LUTHER J. GLENN, Grand Sire, Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. TILLOTSON MORGAN, of Washington; Rev. P. HALL SWEET, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia; GEO. A. REED, Grand Master, JOHN M. JONES, Grand Secretary, ALEX. L. SPEAR, Grand Treasurer, and RICHARD DEAN, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Maryland; JOSHUA VANSANT, Grand Treasurer, and THEODORE A. ROSS, Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. To the left of the platform was the choir, Bro. JAMES H. SWINGLEY, leader, Bro. S. S. GRAUER being the organist.

The services began at two o'clock, LUTHER J. GLENN, Grand Sire, presiding. The following was the

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

Selection, "Go to thy Rest in Peace," by the Choir.
Scripture Lesson, Ninetieth Psalm, by Rev. TILLOTSON MORGAN.
Hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee," by the Choir.
Scripture Lesson, by Rev. P. HALL SWEET.
Address, by Rev. TILLOTSON MORGAN, as follows:

BRETHREN:—I have selected the Psalm I read, because it is so peculiarly appropriate to a life so usefully spent, and one that has filled up the full

measure of time allotted to mortals. Such a life was that of our beloved and deceased brother. Although more of his time was devoted to the noble Order of which he was so illustrious a member, yet the higher claims of a religious life engaged his attention.

I made the acquaintance of Bro. RIDGELY in the spring of 1858, and I soon found that he was a man of rare accomplishments. A more thorough acquaintance convinced me that among cultivated men he had few equals. It afforded me great pleasure when I saw that his mind was exercised upon the subject of religion, and in our conversations I perceived that he was a sincere inquirer after truth. I noticed a desire upon his part to erect a temple for the worship of God, and as an earnest of that desire he appropriated the land necessary for that purpose. His zeal and good will did not stop here. He personally interested himself in all the details of the structure; was present most of the time during the erection of the building, and had it so constructed that its acoustic arrangements were so admirable as to make them everything that could be desired by the most exacting speaker. He contributed liberally towards its erection, and on the day of its dedication evinced the greatest pleasure at the completion of the work. After a short time protracted services were held in the church, and before the meeting closed he presented himself at the altar of prayer as a penitent, and soon obtained a distinct assurance that God for Christ's sake had pardoned him his sins. He expressed to me personally, in language I shall never forget, the happiness which this consciousness afforded him.

The following spring I was removed to another field of labor, and after an absence of four years I was reappointed to my former pastoral scene. I found him as firm in his adherence to the principles of the holy cause he had espoused, as when first he started. He then held the relations of steward and class leader in the church of his desire, and during my stay he was always at his post, and sustained the interests of the church. My last visit to him was during the sickness that terminated his life, and when I was leaving him he followed me to the door, and with tears in his eyes thanked me for my visit and bade me farewell.

Brethren, I am constrained by the length of the programme of services and the lateness of the hour to bring my few remarks to a close. In conclusion I must say that I have an ardent and abiding hope of meeting our beloved brother again, beyond the mists and shadows of time, in the upper clearness and calm. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." We all sympathize deeply and heartily with his afflicted family; their loss is great indeed. His home was pre-eminently a happy one; gentleness and affection were his attributes, manifested everywhere, and these, with the other characteristics of the sincere Christain and the devoted father, made it an earthly Paradise.

Hymn, "Asleep in Jesus," by the Choir.
Address, by Rev. P. HALL SWEET, as follows:

MY BRETHREN:—When I reflect where I am standing to-day, in this hall of mourning, and in this chamber of death, at such a time, and in such a presence, I realize that human language is unequal to the rising thoughts and emotions of the soul, and in the little while which has been allotted me to participate in the solemn services of this Sabbath evening hour, I desire to call your attention to one fact in the history of human experience which is well calculated to strengthen our faith in the wise and paternal administration of the Almighty Ruler, viz: that out of the most terrible evil God has produced the most perfect and lasting good.

This beneficent display of Divine wisdom and power takes its date from the beginning of human history. Thus, for example: the first man, Adam,

fell; but from that fall the love of God produced the second man—the Lord from Heaven.

Thus did the wisdom of God procure for our race a *perfect* Christ for a *fallen* Adam.

The first man lost the earthly Paradise, but ere the cherubims had closed its gates, or drawn their swords of fire to guard its sacred fruit, Christ threw open the portals of Heaven, and planted in the midst of the Paradise of God the tree of life, whose very leaves should be for the healing of the nations.

Thus the earthly Paradise was lost to us by the first man, while the Heavenly Paradise was gained for us by the second man, the Lord from Heaven; and then think of that mysterious calamity, death, which will sooner or later come upon us all. "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return," were among the last words heard by Adam in the bower of Eden; but "as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive." "Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die," is the faithful and abiding promise of our Father in Heaven.

This is certainly profit to us, to be absent from the body that we may be present with the Lord, so that he who hath put off the first Adam, and hath put on the Lord Jesus Christ may truly say with St. Paul, "to die is gain;" and then only think that the ignominious cross upon which Jesus hung, and to all human hopes perished, should be the symbol of imperishable honors and a world's redemption.

That the agonizing groans of the dying Saviour should be the key note of the immortal song of God's redeemed; that the death of Christ should produce the life of the world, and destroy forever the sovereignty of the king of terrors.

My hearers, we need no greater argument than this to strengthen our faith in the wisdom and paternal providence of the Almighty, and be assured that our Heavenly Father never did and never will forsake those who put their trust in Him. The fire may consume; the ocean drown, and disease and death use up all the material part of man, but the soul, never. On the soul of the faithful and good, God's providence will be found ever acting in the manifestation of His grace, mercy and peace.

Bravely then may we endure all the changes and chances of this mortal life, for we have the word of an inspired Apostle, "that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities or powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

And as we commit to-day our dear Brother RIDGELY into the arms of his Saviour, and to the hopes and glories of the morning of the resurrection, our hearts are comforted with the assurance that "blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so, saith the spirit, for they rest from their LABORS, and their WORKS do follow them."

"There is no death: the stars go down,
To rise upon some fairer shore:
And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forever more.

"And ever near us, though unseen,
The dear immortal spirits tread,
For all the boundless universe
Is life—there is no dead!"

Service of the Order, by GEORGE A. REED, Grand Master, and RICHARD DEAN, Grand Chaplain, with responses by the members of the Order.

Hymn, "A thousand ages in Thy sight," by the Choir.

Address, by LUTHER J. GLENN, Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as follows:

JAMES L. RIDGELY.

My Brethren and Friends:—A few weeks ago, and around the new-made grave of the Chief Executive Officer of this country, a nation of fifty millions of people—its heart pierced with pain and sorrow—bowed its head in reverential silence. To-day, a great brotherhood, numbering a half million of members, some of whom may be found in every civilized country on the globe, mourns the loss of its strongest pillar, its grand central figure.

It is not my purpose, were the occasion appropriate, and we had the time and I the ability, to review the life and history of him whose mortal remains now lie before us. That duty will be assigned to some more competent person, and will be performed at some future time and on a more suitable occasion.

My friends, James L. Ridgely was no ordinary man. During his long and eventful life, of more than three score years and ten, he filled various positions of honor and trust conferred upon him by his fellow citizens of his county, city and State, and by the Federal Government. In all of these offices, from the lowest to the highest, he discharged his duties in an efficient, faithful and acceptable manner, and won for himself, from his constituencies, the plaudit of "well done, good and faithful servant."

But it was as a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, that Brother Ridgely occupied the most prominent position in the eyes of the world. He was initiated into this institution in 1829. The Order was then in its infancy, and, by reason of certain practices then existing in it, was unpopular in public estimation. By his character, reputation, and standing in the community, although a young man, he imparted to it new life and fresh vigor, and by his efforts removed the objectionable features, to which I have alluded. On being admitted into the Order he investigated and analyzed it; and, although it was weak and feeble, and to some extent, for certain reasons as I have said, obnoxious to the public, he found that it was based on the eternal principles of "the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." That its object was the dissemination of the principles of benevolence and charity; the practice of Friendship, Love and Truth; the protection and relief of the widow and the orphan; and the elevation of man in the social, moral and intellectual world. He at once determined to give his time, his talents and labor to building up and extending the institution. For this purpose, and to this object, he devoted young manhood, middle age, and declining years. Having served in the offices of his Subordinate Lodge, and as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and as Grand Representative in the Grand Lodge of the United States, he was twice elected Grand Sire, but each time declined, doubtless thinking he could otherwise better subserve the interests of the Order. On the 24th of April, 1840, he was elected and installed Grand Corresponding Secretary, and on the 22d of September, 1841, he was elected Grand Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, now the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to these two offices, (in 1844 united in one,) he was continuously re-elected down to the day of his death, his last election and installation having been at the session in Toronto, September, 1880. In this position, through his annual reports—models in their every feature—and his voluminous correspondence, he wielded a powerful influence in giving tone and character to Odd Fellowship; and in securing for it its present success, and the high standing it enjoys and occupies in the estimation of the wise and good in this and other countries.

He lived to realize, to some extent, the dreams of his younger years, and to see the Order he loved so well and served so long, increase from the less than five thousand, which constituted its strength in 1829, to half a million of active working members at the present time, and to see the narrow geographical limits, within which it was fifty years ago confined, extended until the "area of its usefulness" covers the globe.

But he is gone! and the brightest light in the firmament of Odd Fellowship has been extinguished. His loss to the Order is irreparable. His place, I do not merely mean as an officer, but as an Odd Fellow, will never be filled.

It has already been suggested that a monument be erected to his memory by the members of the Order. This will be eminently right and proper; but I cannot refrain from remarking that JAMES L. RIDGELY has already erected for himself a monument far more enduring than any that can be fashioned out of marble or brass. His works, and name, and memory, as a laborer in the great field of Odd Fellowship—*humanity* and *fraternity*—will be transmitted, from generation to generation, down to the last syllable of recorded time.

To all of us this is a sad, sad occasion—to some especially so. How many years, my brothers, have some of us on the morning of the first day of the annual communications of the Sovereign Grand Lodge approached this desk to grasp his hand and receive his cordial greeting! How often at the close of the session have we come up to bid him good bye, but it was then with the expectation that we should see him again! This evening we shall bid him farewell, to meet and see him no more on earth! No more will he be seen moving in his accustomed walks of life! No more shall we see him at this desk in the discharge of the duties of the office which he has filled for more than forty years! Let us, my brothers, endeavor to emulate his virtues, and so far as in our power, follow in his footsteps; so that, when we too come to pass away, it may be said of us, as it can truthfully be said of him, "He was an honest man, a good and useful citizen, a devoted, loving husband and father, an exemplary Christian, and a model Odd Fellow."

Solo, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," by Miss GEORGIA BADGER.
Prayer, by Rev. P. HALL SWEET.

At the close of the ceremonies, the body was removed from the hall to the hearse, the bands playing "Safe in the Arms of Jesus."

The active pall-bearers were ALEXANDER K. MANTZ and WILLIAM H. RUBY, Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Maryland; WILLIAM LOUIS SCHLEY and JACOB H. FREEBERGER, Past Grand Patriarchs of the Grand Encampment; WILLIAM P. BOCKMILLER and B. F. NALLS, of Marion Lodge, No. 8; EBEN F. PERKINS and JOHN CARNES, of Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1.

The honorary pall-bearers were L. J. GLENN, Grand Sire; JOSHUA VANSANT, Grand Treasurer; WILLIAM W. MOORE, of the District of Columbia; JOHN W. STOKES, of Pennsylvania; JAMES B. NICHOLSON, of Pennsylvania, Past Grand Sires; WILLIAM R. HAZLETT, of Ohio; JAMES T. JOSLIN, of Massachusetts; CHARLES H. RAWLINGS, of Maryland; JOHN E. MCCAHAN, of Maryland, Grand Representatives; SAMUEL READ, Past Grand Master, of New Jersey.

Prominent members of the Order were present, as follows: WILLIAM W. GARDNER, Massachusetts; JOHN T. GIVEN, C. B. R. COLLEDGE, J. THOMAS PETTY, Washington, D. C., Grand Representatives; AMBROSE LAWRENCE, Grand Patriarch, Massachusetts; JOHN MEDOLE, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative, New York; JOSEPH L. LAMB, DANIEL T. CLARK, BENJAMIN T. BRIGHT, Past Grand Masters and Past Grand Representatives, New Jersey; FREDERICK BOTSFORD, Past Grand Representative and Grand Secretary, Connecticut; J. W. POND, Grand Master, Connecticut; THOMAS R. TAYLOR, Grand Patriarch, Connecticut; JAMES SMITH, Past Grand Representative, Ontario, Canada; Rev. P. HALL SWEET, Grand Secretary, Washington, D. C.; Dr. J. EDWIN MASON, Grand Master, JOHN LONG, Deputy Grand Master, J. BLAKE ESPEY, Grand Treasurer, CHARLES E. WELLS, Grand Marshal, ANDREW JACKSON, A. H. GAWLER, JOHN W.

THOMPSON, Past Grand Masters, Washington, D. C.; Dr. A. H. KING, Past Chief Patriarch, Buffalo, N. Y.; A. M. FOUTE, Past Grand Master and Grand Representative, Mississippi; FRANCIS M. REA, Deputy Grand Master, GEORGE F. LEWIS, Past Grand, OTTO SCHAETTLE, Past Grand, (and Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire,) HENRY LEWIS, Past Grand, of Pennsylvania.

A large concourse of people had collected on Gay street to see the funeral procession. Bro CLIFTON TAYLOR was the Grand Marshal, and was followed in line by the Pistorio Band, of Washington; the Encampment Drill Association of Baltimore, JAMES YOUNG, Captain; Weber's Band; the Uniformed Battalion of Washington, JOHN CHANCEY, Captain; and detachments of delegates from all the Lodges in the city, and the District of Columbia, members of which wore black rosettes. The family and Grand Officers rode in hacks. The hearse was drawn by four horses. The route was from Gay street to Baltimore, to Charles, to Read, to Calvert, to Eager, and across the bridge to Greenmount Cemetery, where the remains were placed in a vault after the usual ceremonies of the Order.

The flag on Castle Hall, Knights of Pythias, on Gay street, opposite Odd Fellows' Hall, was at half-mast, out of respect to the memory of the deceased.

THE DEATH OF JAMES L. RIDGELY.

Step softly here, for RIDGELY sleeps,
Calmly, in death's embrace;
The smile of conscious rectitude
Still lingers on his face.

The pallid hands are folded now,
Upon his manly breast;
The wearied feet at last have found
A long, eternal rest.

"The heart that throbbed for others' woes"
For evermore is stilled;
Closed are the eyes, which often-times
With tears of pity filled.

Passive the brain where wisdom sat
Enthroned in state supreme;
Silent the lips whence eloquence
Poured forth on Friendship's theme,

When an admiring world shall see
The scroll of Fame unrolled,
His name inscribed thereon will be
In characters of gold.

Whilst mourning for "the loved and lost,"
Our hearts with anguish riven,
The spirit of that patriarch treads
The flowery paths of Heaven.

CHARLES WOLFORD, P. G. Rep.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL, LOUISVILLE, KY., *November* 19, 1881.